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GRAND MASTER — 1948

William Addison Henry was born in East Stroudsburg, Penn., on January 20th, 1894.

He arrived in Alberta in 1906 and, after completing the Public School grades in the little country school, proceeded to the Stettler High School, and later to the Alberta Normal School, from which he graduated in 1911.

After teaching school near Stettler for two years, he entered the University of Alberta. His University course was interrupted by four years' service in the Great War 1914-18, during which time he joined the Royal Flying Corps in England, went to France, Belgium and Germany, as a pilot in fighter planes.

On his return he re-entered the University of Alberta, graduating in Arts in 1921, and from McGill University, receiving his Degree in Medicine in 1924 (M.D., C.M.).

He came West, after hospital training in Montreal, and for twenty-two years practised medicine in Bentley, Alberta.

He was associated with the Canadian Militia, and on the outbreak of the second World War was mobilized as a Medical Officer in the 17th Field Ambulance. After serving in various sections of Canada, he was returned to Calgary and in 1943 was promoted to Lieut. Col. and appointed to command Military Hospitals in Calgary.

After release from the Army, he joined a Medical clinic in Lacombe, where he now lives and practises medicine.

He married Jean Kent of Lacombe in 1927, and has three daughters.

His Masonic history started in his University days, when he was initiated by Strathcona Lodge No. 77, on November 19th, 1920.

He is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe, and of the Edmonton bodies of the Scottish Rite.

He was made a member of the Shrine, Al Azhar Temple, Calgary, and initiated at the Grand Coulee Dam ceremonial in 1935.

In 1935 he was Master of Eureka Lodge No. 10, and District Deputy Grand Master of Dist. No. 4 in 1939.

As Grand Master he has been indefatigable in the carrying out of his duties. A firm believer in the value of visitation, he has made a special point of visiting as many Lodges as possible and the lengthy list so visited bears tribute to his energy and endurance, the beneficial effects of which will be felt for a long time to come.

His warm, friendly personality endears him to all, he was a very popular Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alberta has taken a step forward under his leadership.

His brief periods of relaxation are devoted to Angling and Hunting and his private collection of moving pictures of "Fishing and Hunting Expeditions" have delighted many Masonic gatherings.

As a Past Grand Master, Alberta can look forward to his wise counsel for many years to come.



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The Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Hotel Palliser in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 8th, A.D. 1949, A.L. 5949, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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Wor. Bro. L. E. Buckwell.....	W.M. No.	3
Bro. John C. Davis.....	S.W. No.	3
Bro. Chas. E. Little.....	J.W. No.	4
Wor. Bro. Ralph Nelson.....	W.M. No.	5
Wor. Bro. Thomas D. Hammond.....	W.M. No.	6
Bro. John R. Thompson.....	J.W. No.	6
Wor. Bro. Arthur J. Smith.....	W.M. No.	7
Wor. Bro. Clifford L. Doan.....	W.M. No.	8
Bro. James R. Hopkins.....	S.W. No.	8
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Bro. John Begg.....	S.W. No.	9
Bro. Leslie J. Munn.....	J.W. No.	9
Wor. Bro. Osborne Shaw L. Scoular.....	W.M. No.	10
Bro. Cecil A. Suggett.....	S.W. No.	10
Wor. Bro. Kenneth Wilfred McTavish.....	W.M. No.	11
Bro. Robert Harold Turnbull.....	S.W. No.	11
Wor. Bro. John L. McKinnon.....	W.M. No.	12
Bro. A. R. Little.....	S.W. No.	12
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Wor. Bro. Thomas A. Crockett.....	W.M. No.	14
Bro. Mark W. Robertson.....	S.W. No.	14
Wor. Bro. William Heslop.....	W.M. No.	15
Wor. Bro. William D. Craig.....	W.M. No.	16
Wor. Bro. Emil Dais.....	W.M. No.	17
Bro. Clifford Gould.....	S.W. No.	17
Bro. John A. Jeffery.....	J.W. No.	17
Wor. Bro. H. H. Roberts.....	W.M. No.	18
Bro. G. E. H. Van Haften.....	S.W. No.	20
Wor. Bro. Thomas Morris.....	W.M. No.	21
Bro. George Parsons.....	S.W. No.	21
Wor. Bro. Walter John Turner.....	W.M. No.	23
Bro. James Victor Spurr.....	S.W. No.	23
Wor. Bro. Hiram D. Burger.....	W.M. No.	25
Bro. William H. Beacom.....	S.W. No.	25
Bro. Frederick H. Duke.....	J.W. No.	25
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Wor. Bro. William Filipenko.....	W.M. No. 27
Bro. Cyril W. Rowse.....	J.W. No. 27
Wor. Bro. John H. Clements.....	W.M. No. 28
Bro. Robert B. Robson.....	S.W. No. 28
Wor. Bro. John A. Howarth.....	W.M. No. 30
Wor. Bro. Robert L. Anderson.....	W.M. No. 31
Wor. Bro. Gordon Morrison.....	W.M. No. 32
Bro. Harry A. Ferguson.....	S.W. No. 32
Wor. Bro. Lance Edward Anderson.....	W.M. No. 35
Bro. Thomas E. Graham.....	S.W. No. 35
Bro. Alvin W. Rider.....	S.W. No. 39
Wor. Bro. Samuel Peverell.....	W.M. No. 41
Wor. Bro. W. F. Sick.....	W.M. No. 42
Bro. F. Anderson.....	S.W. No. 42
Bro. Ronald A. McNeill.....	S.W. No. 47
Wor. Bro. Lawrence Ecklund.....	W.M. No. 50
Bro. C. E. Baker.....	J.W. No. 50
Wor. Bro. William Neave Lowson.....	W.M. No. 51
Bro. William E. Robinson.....	S.W. No. 51
Bro. Walter J. Bullock.....	J.W. No. 51
Wor. Bro. John William Freeman.....	W.M. No. 53
Bro. Norman Ed. Scheer.....	S.W. No. 53
Bro. Vernon A. Hanson.....	J.W. No. 53
Wor. Bro. Wayne T. Malmberg.....	W.M. No. 58
Bro. G. Ady.....	S.W. No. 58
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Wor. Bro. W. H. Nield.....	W.M. No. 59
Bro. Jack C. Fairley.....	J.W. No. 59
Wor. Bro. Tom Jones.....	W.M. No. 63
Wor. Bro. W. A. Robertson.....	W.M. No. 65
Bro. H. Koole.....	S.W. No. 65
Bro. J. M. Nicol.....	J.W. No. 65
Wor. Bro. Aubrey Lane Hogg.....	W.M. No. 66
Bro. Aarne Niami.....	S.W. No. 66
Bro. M. L. Dowell.....	J.W. No. 66
Wor. Bro. M. J. S. Lloyd.....	W.M. No. 67
Wor. Bro. Alexander M. Watson.....	W.M. No. 68
Bro. John A. Parkes.....	S.W. No. 68
Bro. Arthur William Leonard.....	J.W. No. 68
Wor. Bro. M. Collard.....	W.M. No. 70
Wor. Bro. John A. Hopps.....	W.M. No. 71
Wor. Bro. H. M. Perry.....	W.M. No. 72
Wor. Bro. Orlo L. Doane.....	W.M. No. 74
Bro. Charles A. Northcoate.....	J.W. No. 74
Wor. Bro. Benjamin W. Holt.....	W.M. No. 76
Wor. Bro. Martin Hoggensack.....	W.M. No. 79
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Wor. Bro. Robert J. Fairbairn.....	W.M. No. 83
Bro. Kenneth J. Mitchell.....	S.W. No. 83
Wor. Bro. Wayn A. Anderson.....	J.W. No. 84
Bro. E. D. Nowlin.....	S.W. No. 84
Wor. Bro. Cecil Ronald Coover.....	W.M. No. 86
Wor. Bro. Leonard E. McKay.....	W.M. No. 87
Bro. Loyd J. Bowen.....	S.W. No. 89
Wor. Bro. Leonard O. Sanders.....	W.M. No. 90

	Bro. Lawrence J. Gallen.....	S.W. No. 90
Wor. Bro.	James H. Ogilvie.....	M.W. No. 91
Wor. Bro.	Emil Gregor.....	W.M. No. 92
Wor. Bro.	J. P. Walls.....	W.M. No. 93
	Bro. J. Gallagher.....	S.W. No. 93
Wor. Bro.	Wm. Oliver Doige.....	W.M. No. 94
	Bro. R. S. Harrison.....	J.W. No. 94
Wor. Bro.	Claire S. Turnbull.....	W.M. No. 95
Wor. Bro.	Walter A. Dorin.....	W.M. No. 96
Wor. Bro.	Gerald L. Berry.....	W.M. No. 100
Wor. Bro.	Roy T. Martins.....	W.M. No. 101
Wor. Bro.	William A. Cunningham.....	W.M. No. 104
Wor. Bro.	Clayton G. Butchart.....	W.M. No. 105
Wor. Bro.	John Atkinson Jr.....	W.M. No. 107
	Bro. Leon Avery Coates.....	J.W. No. 107
Wor. Bro.	Frank Morrell.....	W.M. No. 113
	Bro. Robert Wilson.....	S.W. No. 113
Wor. Bro.	J. H. Halpenny.....	W.M. No. 115
Wor. Bro.	Bernard C. Jakeman.....	W.M. No. 118
	Bro. William E. Dick.....	S.W. No. 118
	Bro. Elvin C. Ross.....	J.W. No. 118
Wor. Bro.	James K. Mossey.....	W.M. No. 119
	Bro. Chas. County.....	S.W. No. 123
Wor. Bro.	Murray B. Lloy.....	W.M. No. 124
	Bro. Stanley E. Knight.....	S.W. No. 124
	Bro. Frank M. Flewelling.....	J.W. No. 124
	Bro. Geo. A. McKay.....	J.W. No. 125
Wor. Bro.	John E. Stier.....	W.M. No. 127
	Bro. Rolla L. Cooke.....	S.W. No. 127
Wor. Bro.	John D. Moffat.....	W.M. No. 130
Wor. Bro.	George Victor Gill.....	W.M. No. 134
Wor. Bro.	Wilbert R. Rempel.....	W.M. No. 137
	Bro. W. A. Anderson.....	S.W. No. 137
	Bro. C. O. Anderson.....	J.W. No. 137
Wor. Bro.	John Eaton Ellis.....	W.M. No. 140
	Bro. Edward Nelson.....	S.W. No. 142
Wor. Bro.	Arthur H. Davis.....	W.M. No. 143
	Bro. George William Skett.....	J.W. No. 143
Wor. Bro.	Alfred B. Hunter.....	W.M. No. 146
	Bro. Benton R. Everton.....	S.W. No. 156
Wor. Bro.	Roy Ingram Handley.....	W.M. No. 157
	Bro. Chester Jensen.....	S.W. No. 157
Wor. Bro.	Maurice A. Solberg.....	W.M. No. 158
	Bro. Kermit V. Solberg.....	S.W. No. 158
	Bro. Norric P. Storey.....	S.W. No. 161

OPENING

The members having assembled in the Oval Room of Hotel Paliser, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W. Bro. A. H. Dakin (68) informed the M.W., The Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations. The constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was then

opened in Ample form. and with prayer, by the Acting Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84).

The M.W. The Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

MINUTES

Resolved on motion of R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Minutes of the 43rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed and sent to the lodges, the Minutes of that Communication be taken as read and confirmed."

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.W. BRO. HENRY

At this time we will receive our distinguished visitors. Will those brethren who are going to introduce them please retire. I regret to inform you that the Honorable J. C. Bowen is unable to be with us this morning and we will have to dispense with that item of business.

M.W. BRO. CUMMING:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce R.W. Bro. Elliott, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

R.W. BRO. EMPEY:

I have much pleasure in introducing R.W. Bro. Pond of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

M.W. BRO. BOTTERILL:

I have much pleasure in introducing the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Wilson and R.W. Bro. Tate.

M.W. BRO. HARRIS:

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and through you to the members of this Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. H. Coddington, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and R.W. Bro. C. A. Cole, Deputy Grand Master.

M.W. BRO. HENRY:

I am pleased to welcome you to this Grand Lodge Communication. I have attended your Grand Lodge and I had a wonderful time. I hope your stay will be pleasant and profitable. We like to see you come but do not like to see you go. Will you please approach the East.

We shall have time during our program today and tomorrow to have a message from these distinguished guests.

TELEGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Expressions of regret on inability to attend were received from the following:

M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite, M.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshanks, M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Geo. H. Crane-Williams, M.W. Bro. V. A. Bowes,

M.W. Bro. Horace P. Reid, R.W. Bro. Oscar Hawthorne, R.W. Bro. E. H. Targett, V.W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton. All of whom sent fraternal greetings and best wishes.

From sister jurisdictions, the following sent their regrets: M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Ellis, Grand Master of British Columbia, and M.W. Bro. Henry O. Morgan, Grand Master of Montana.

The Grand Master advised the brethren that M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton was ill in the Holy Cross Hospital at Calgary, and R.W. Bro. W. J. Whelen, Grand Chaplain, was ill in the University Hospital at Edmonton. Messages, hoping for their speedy recovery, and flowers, were ordered to be sent from Grand Lodge.

M.W. BRO. HENRY:

You have heard that we have purchased new regalia. You see our brethren about the lodge this morning with these new suits of regalia. I am sure you feel a sense of pride to have such worthy brethren standing so strong and steady in such fine bright aprons and collars. I am sure you will agree with us it is an improvement.

I would also like to mention in looking forward to the preparation for Grand Lodge it was thought the Temple was too small, that we had outgrown the largest lodge room in the city of Calgary, and therefore after consultation with my Past Grand Masters and Deputy Grand Master I decided we would hold our meetings here.

It is a great pleasure to me this morning to have sitting in the West our good Senior Grand Warden. You all know he was very seriously ill a short time ago, but he is making a good recovery, and he assures me he is able to take part in this Grand Lodge. I know I am expressing the wishes of this Grand Lodge when I wish him a speedy return to health.

Grand Master's Address

To the Members of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Brethren:

I am pleased to see so many members of our Grand Lodge present with us this morning; you are all most welcome. It is a privilege and honor to bid you welcome to this forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I thank you each and every one, for your presence, and I trust you will enjoy every minute of your visit here. It is my sincere hope that you will receive instruction and inspiration to take home to your lodge, that will help you in the great work of Freemasonry in your community.

To you who are here for the first time, I wish to bid you welcome, and also to give you a word of advice: Do not take yourself too seriously. I well remember my first attendance at Grand Lodge, and how disappointed I was with myself for the very little I got out of that Grand Lodge meeting. But the more I pondered over the work that I saw, and the things I heard, the more the light came to me. I studied the proceedings and really learned what the work of Grand Lodge was. On my next attendance I felt more at home. I felt that I was a part of what was going on, even though I never said a word.

So I recommend that you keep your eyes and ears open, for much must be done in the next two days. The officers of Grand Lodge are your elected and appointed representatives. It is you, the Masters and Wardens, together with the Past Masters, that are the members of Grand Lodge and its voting strength. You are the shareholders, and we the board of directors of this great organization, the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

This Grand Lodge communication is most democratic in its workings. We follow your wishes as expressed in the Constitution, and, though it may appear that everything is cut and dried before being presented to this communication, I would assure you that such is not the case.

The items of business to be presented have all been carefully scrutinized by the Board of General Purposes, your directors, to use a business term. They bring them before you with their approval, or otherwise, for your discussion and action. This is to save your time, as well as to protect Grand Lodge by having everything prepared according to the Constitution.

So to you who are here for the first time, I say, be of great courage and good cheer, you are one of a very important body. You represent a very important unit, your lodge. We expect your help and co-operation, and trust that you will have a worth while report to give your lodge on your return home. You are most welcome—come again and again.

A year ago you elected and installed me as your Grand Master. I felt very much overwhelmed by your confidence, and in spite of years of preparation, I entered upon my duties with an open mind and a feeling of great humility. I knew there was much to be done, If I justified the great confidence you had placed in me.

As time marched on, it was easily seen that the responsibilities increased greatly. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of Grand Master to the best of my abilities, and now place before you my report.

It has been a very busy year, and, as we receive and discuss the various reports, I am sure you will share with me that feeling of pride and joy which goes with success and achievement, for I think we have had a very good year.

While world conditions are still most unsettled, and chaotic, we in Canada are very fortunate, and more especially so here in this wonderful province of Alberta. In our economic life, we have progressed even beyond our dreams. Our people have reaped rich returns from their labors. The great developments taking place in Agriculture, Mining and Oil production will increase the wealth of everyone. Rural electrification will bring conveniences and joy to many of our people.

Let us not just think of these in terms of material worth alone, but also in terms of service to mankind. Let us be happy ourselves and communicate that happiness to others. Above all let us return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings we enjoy—for the peace and brotherly love among the people of Alberta, for we have been, and are, most fortunate in our associations.

While we are deeply appreciative of our present position, let us not forget our responsibilities as citizens, to make the most of our opportunities, that our progress may continue.

God gave us men and leaders of vision, for a people without vision shall perish. It is to be much regretted that the world of Freemasonry is still shrinking, and many parts of the globe are enveloped in impenetrable darkness, and the light of Masonry is extinguished by the forces of evil. It is my hope that this is only temporary, and in the near future may its beneficent influence spread wide and wider among the nations of the world.

In preparation for such a time, it is necessary that we keep bright and unsullied the great teachings of our Craft.

My motto for the year has been: "The object of our meeting in the lodge is of two-fold nature, namely, social intercourse and moral instruction. Our meetings are intended to cultivate and enlighten the mind, to induce the habit of virtue, and to strengthen the fundamental principles of our order: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth". Wherever I have had an opportunity to speak to the brethren, I have tried to encourage and develop a genuine interest in the teachings and work of our Craft.

It has pleased me greatly to see the large numbers at meetings where I was to speak. This encourages me to believe the brethren have a genuine interest in their Masonry, and are seeking more light

in its practical uses. It has filled me with pride and satisfaction to note the activities of our subordinate lodges, for I sincerely believe there is much interest shown in the study and teachings of our great Fraternity.

I am satisfied that our brethren, deep down in their hearts, desire to take their Freemasonry very seriously, and are seeking ways of learning its practical uses and it is the responsibility of we who are the leaders to show the way, that is to put the Craft to work and give them instruction for their labor. Let us not fail them.

NECROLOGY

During the past year death has been very busy among our members. It is with sorrow we record a heavy list of our departed Brethren. These will be referred to later on by the Grand Chaplain in his Report on Fraternal Dead.

Our sympathy also goes out to Sister Jurisdictions in the loss they, too, have suffered in the passing of many distinguished Brethren.

I feel, however, that I should at this time refer to the great loss suffered by the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Masonic world at large, in the passing of their Grand Master the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, who so brilliantly held the Office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for many years.

In our own Grand Jurisdiction we mourn the passing of M.W. Bro. Sylvester M. Snedden, P.G.M., who died at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on May 12th, 1949, while en route to Edmonton.

Grand Lodge also mourns the passing of R.W. Brother Frank V. Truesdale, who died on November 24th, 1948, at the age of 69 years. "Frank," as he was popularly called, had been a hard worker in the cause of Freemasonry. He served as District Deputy, on the Board of General Purposes, as a member of the Finance Committee, and later when he retired from business, he devoted practically his entire time as Chairman of the Benevolent Board. We indeed mourn his passing.

District Meetings

We now have eighteen districts in our Jurisdiction, each presided over by a District Deputy Grand Master, who organizes and conducts one meeting of his constituent lodges during his term of office. It was my privilege and good fortune to be able to attend all but two of these meetings. It was necessary for me to ask the Deputy Grand Master to attend at Carbon and Hanna in my stead.

To Brethren of these districts I express my regret at being unable to meet with them. I know I missed two very good meetings, and also the genuine friendship of many worthy brethren.

As Grand Master, I have been inspired by some points brought up by the meetings, and also depressed by others.

The obvious enjoyment of the brethren at the presence of their Grand Master, and the great respect paid that office, must of

necessity arouse in one the desire to make the meeting of great value to them. This becomes more aparent when it is realized that in some districts some of the brethren must travel two hundred miles.

I have spent considerable time discussing with brethren the value of the District Meeting, and how it might be increased in value to the members of the lodges. It has been frequently suggested to me that the District Meeting as at present carried out is not filling any real place in our Masonic life. With this point before me, I have tried to search out the cause of its failure, and to look for the remedy.

First, I find there is no definite duty assigned to the annual district meeting, except that our Constitution directs that such a meeting be held, and that a District Deputy Grand Maser be chosen by ballot. Surely this is not sufficient reason for calling such a meeting?

Some have called it the little Grand Lodge, but that is not correct, because Grand Lodge is an administrative body, and the District meetings have no such function. It is unfortunate that in recent years there has been used on the District Meeting Program, the words Master and Wardens. This appears to have kept many junior officers and master masons from attending. This defeats the purpose of the District Meeting. It should be of special value to junior officers and aid them in their preparation for advancement.

No one denies that the annual meeting does much to promote harmony among the neighboring lodges and also promotes social intercourse among the brethren, but still there must be more that can be accomplished.

In the last few years we have tried to bring before the brethren some of the foremost problems in Freemasonry, in the form of prepared papers, and by discussion assist the brethren to find solutions for them. In the majority of the cases we have had presented some very excellent papers, which provoked some splendid discussions and were of real value to the brethren. The success of this type of meeting depends on the amount of time and thought put on the papers by the brethren selected to give them. If the paper was not well prepared and presented, the meeting showed its disappointment. I am not convinced that exemplification of degrees and ceremonies would repay the brethren for the time necessary to do them. We need help along these lines, and it might be a good policy to have a custodian of the work attend the meetings. In most cases this would require two: one from either Rite. I think more would be accomplished if the lodges would take the time to compare their work with that authorized by Grand Lodge, and then place well-prepared questions, which they had been unable to find answered by the ritual or constitution, in the question box.

All ceremonies are damaged and impaired, seldom improved, by lack of comparison with the authorized ceremonial. This is noticeable in the reception of the Grand Master and accompanying officers, the toast to the Grand Master and his officers, and balloting.

These shortcomings can be remedied by the responsible officers reading and studying the authorized procedure, so why take up the time of the annual meeting?

I still think that our Installation ceremony gives us good direction, which might be followed in the District Meeting—the object of meeting in the lodge is of a two-fold nature, namely, moral instruction and social intercourse.

The Condition of Masonry

My observations lead me to think that the craft as a whole, in this Grand Jurisdiction, is very much interested in its great mission, and is marching forward with a sure and firm stride.

A perusal of the figures supplied by the Grand Secretary shows a healthy increase in our numbers. It is most gratifying to note that the average age of our new members is low—young men just established in our community life. To me this is a healthy sign, that men seek the benefits of our Craft in the early years of manhood, would indicate that they expect great things from the Craft, and that they have many years to give the Fraternity.

Most of our Constituent Lodges are endeavoring to assimilate these new members in a manner calculated to make them true and active Freemasons.

There appears to be a revival of interest in Masonic education. It is a good practice to encourage our members to read and study, to acquire Masonic knowledge aside from the ritual and lectures. This should give the reader an interest in the Craft, in its history and philosophy, that will make him a working Mason, and thus ensure his enthusiastic support in the coming years, and a guarantee against losing him through lack of interest and unemployment.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin is being used much more year by year, out of the lodge as well as in the lodge room. I am most grateful to M.W. Bro. Sam Harris for the splendid job he is doing as our editor. He is doing a grand job in selecting and editing all the material for the Bulletin. Thank you, Sam Harris.

There has been much activity among our lodges in building and improving their Temples and Lodge rooms. This is as it should be, and denotes a healthy interest in the lodges. I congratulate those Lodges on the completion of their new premises, and especially those shrewd business fellows who paid for the hall when it was completed, thus ensuring the lodge against future financial difficulties.

I approve and highly commend any lodge for the sound policy of spending money and time in improving and furnishing a beautiful and well appointed lodge room. There is nothing that is likely to do more for the prestige and popularity of a lodge than a place that the members may well be proud to point to and say "Our Masonic Temple". It gives them the pride of ownership, which adds immeasurably to their interest in their lodge.

A great many lodges have found it necessary to raise their initiation fee and some have raised both initiation fee and annual dues. This is in keeping with the times. Lodges have found it necessary to find more money to meet rising costs of everything connected with the running of the Lodge. I would like to sound a note of

warning, and perhaps advice. I trust that all lodges will keep their finances in good shape. Do not use every cent you have just because you have it. Some of us have seen times when lodge dues were slow in coming in, and initiation fees were practically unheard of. Just remember Old Man Micawber's advice to David Copperfield.

It is my sincere hope that we may never have a repetition of the lean 30's, but still I would recommend that you all keep your financial affairs well in hand, and not expect these boom days to continue indefinitely. Do not mortgage your future, even if it looks golden.

There is a great demand today for leadership, and our Craft is no exception. I have observed, and I am sure you have also made the same observation, that where there are good live officers, willing and ready to put a little time and effort on their job, the lodge is well out in front, with good attendance and real interest in the work.

The Master has a great responsibility and no man should accept that responsible office if he is not willing and able to set his brethren to work, and give them proper instruction for their labors.

Grand Lodge has issued a little booklet for the guidance of Masters in the conduct of their meetings. I strongly recommend all Masters to read, study and put into practical use, the contents thereof. There is nothing that will kill the interest and enthusiasm of the members so quickly as a poorly conducted meeting.

It is a great boon to any lodge to have an efficient secretary, and many lodges in this Jurisdiction owe their present success to the hard work and interest of a good brother who is the secretary. He is usually very well acquainted with the by-laws, constitution, and ritual, and never lets his lodge get off the beaten way.

The Constituent Lodges are doing a fine job with their benevolence, and I have found no cases where there is neglect of this important work. There have been a few cases where disciplinary action has been taken, and other cases where difficulties have been smoothed away by advice and instruction. If all officers study the Constitution thoroughly, they would then be familiar with their duties and responsibilities, and would not run afoul of the law. Remember, we must have law and order and obedience to that law and order, otherwise we would soon be a disreputable mob.

Finally, my brethren, I am very sure we have a splendid spirit of friendship and brotherly love throughout the Jurisdiction. Your splendid hospitality and genuine expressions of friendship for your Grand Master, and the respect paid him and the Grand Lodge, leaves nothing to be desired, unless it would be that I would have liked to do more for the Craft.

• Visitations

The office of Grand Master is one of great honor and high prestige, but it carries with it a heavy responsibility to the constituent lodges, and the members at large.

The Grand Master is literally buried by an avalanche of requests,

invitations, and announcements. It is part of his duties to accede to and accept as many as he can find time to attend.

It appeared to me that the calls were more numerous than average, but I have endeavored to respond whenever time and circumstances would permit.

It has been my desire to present to as many of our members as possible my views on Freemasonry, its mission, its progress, and its aims and ambitions. I have particularly tried to give the brethren some instruction on what I believe to be the true fundamentals of Freemasonry, and to point out to them how they can be used in a practical way to serve humanity.

I have endeavored to impress upon my brethren the great dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, and have charged them to practice outside the lodge those excellent precepts which are taught within the lodge.

I believe that it is absolutely essential that we all thoroughly understand what Freemasonry is, and what are its aims. We cannot very well teach others if we do not first make ourselves masters of the subject we desire to teach.

It was along these lines that I spoke to a great many of the lodges. I am sorry I could not reach everyone, because I am sure Freemasonry has a mission and that the world has need of that mission being completed.

I am deeply grateful for the manner in which my brethren have received my message, and I am convinced that our members are especially interested in the fundamentals of Freemasonry, and also anxious to see them put to work in a practical way, for the benefit of mankind. Freemasonry is not for the masses, but we must take the example of Jesus of Nazareth and select our members, individually and with a view that they are to be of help to us in our great and good work. We take a goodman, and by the aid of the V.O.S.L. and our glorious lectures, endeavor to inculcate the great principles of the Craft in such a manner that our members will have that character which will always help them to select the right from the wrong.

Freemasonry is a method of education. We endeavor to develop and improve the human mind. We accomplish our work through the individual. We are happy ourselves and endeavor to communicate that happiness to others.

With a strong and virile membership, so selected and instructed, so enthused with the desire to be of service to the human race, I have no fears for the future welfare of our Craft, and the ultimate progress of our race. Our influence for good will be increased day by day.

I have herewith a complete list of my official visits and wish to assure you all that I have enjoyed every visit and sincerely thank one and all for the great friendliness and hospitality with which I was received, in every case.

I wish to mention the splendid support given me by the good brethren of my own lodge. They have helped and encouraged me in every way possible. It gives me much satisfaction to know that my efforts meet with the approval of those who know me best, for I am the second Grand Master from Eureks No. 10 in the past 20 years.

On September 24th, 1948, they honored me with a grand ball. It was a most successful affair, very largely attended and enthusiastically carried out. A beautiful silver tray, nicely and suitably engraved, was presented to the Grand Master and Mrs. Henry. I felt after that evening that indeed the world was a beautiful place in which to live, and my brethren to be just fine, good and most generous, as well as most loyal, friends.

I enjoyed greatly my visit to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I was accompanied by our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore. We were most graciously received and royally entertained. By attention to their proceedings and discussions, I learned much that has helped me with my problems. To M.W. Bro. Wilson, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, I say, thank you for a most enjoyable visit.

I visited all the bodies practicing the other branches of Masonry, of which I am a member, with the endeavor to improve our relations with them. I have always considered that they are first Freemasons, and joined some other branch later. It must be our endeavor to keep them interested and employed, that they do not neglect their first lodge.

I am proud of our brethren and the genuine spirit of Brotherhood they have displayed at all the meetings I have attended. They indeed showered me with friendship and hospitality that know no bounds. I rejoice greatly that we have such a great number of grand brethren.

It is for your information that I mention the Grand Master's night, organized and put on in the spring by the two lodges of the City of Red Deer. All neighboring lodges are invited and sometimes there are a dozen lodges represented. It gives the Grand Master an opportunity of meeting many brethren at one meeting. This idea could very well be developed in a number of places throughout the province, for the convenience and benefit of all. I would strongly recommend to the brethren this idea of joint meetings.

June, 1948.

10-14—Fraternal Visit, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

19—Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds.

25—Finance and Benevolent Committee, Calgary.

July

6—Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey.

7—Beaver Lodge No. 56, Castor.

11—Eureka Lodge No. 10, Funeral W. Bro. Jesse Fraser, Lacombe.

13—District Meeting, District No. 13, Fairview.

15—Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, Grande Prairie.

Aug.

5—District Meeting, District No. 17, Irma.

6—District Meeting, District No. 5, Bawlf.

- 9—District Meeting, District No. 6, Nanton.
- 10—District Meeting District No. 11, Vulcan.
- 11—District Meeting, District No. 7, Lethbridge.
- 12—District Meeting, District No. 8, Blairmore.
- 19—Ionic Lodge No. 45, Alix.
- 24—District Meeting, District No. 15, Bashaw.
- 25—District Meeting, District No. 9, Consort.

Sept.

- 1—District Meeting, District No. 4, Red Deer.
- 3—Ancient Landmark, U.D., Mirror.
- 7—Perfection Lodge No. 9, and Brethren from Olds, Crossfields and Innisfail, Calgary.
- 8—District Meeting, District No. 1, Banff.
- 9-10—Western Conference, Banff.
- 11—District Meeting, District No. 18, Calgary.
- 18—Concord Lodge No. 124, Percy Fielding presented with 50-year Jewel, Calgary.
- 23—Eureka Lodge No. 10, Official Visit, Lacombe.
- 24—Social evening and Ball, Eureka No. 10, Grand Master and Mrs. Henry presented with beautiful tray, Lacombe.

Oct.

- 1—Strathcona Lodge No. 77, 50th Anniversary Banquet and Program, Edmonton.
- 2—Commercial Lodge No. 81,, Edmonton.
- 4—Apollo Lodge No. 27, Stettler.
- 5—Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliffe.
- 6—District Meeting, District No. 2, Medicine Hat.
- 9—District Meeting, District No. 3, Edmonton.
- 14—Eureka Lodge No. 10, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 4, Lacombe.
- 15—District Meeting, District No. 10, Vegreville.
- 16—District Meeting, District No. 12, Edmonton.
- 17—Unity Lodge No. 51, Thanksgiving Service, Edmonton.
- 25—St. Mark's Lodge No. 71, Calgary.
- 26—Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Edmonton.
- 29—Scottish Rite, Lodge Perfection, Edmonton.

Nov.

- 1—Apollo Lodge No. 27, Stettler.
- 3-7—Lodge Ft. St. John, Institution and Consecration in company with Grand Master of B.C., Ft. St. John.
- 9—Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer.
- 16—Eureka Lodge No. 10, Past Master's Night, Lacombe.
- 18—Zetland Birthday Anniversary, Calgary.
- 19—Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary.
- 26—King George Lodge No. 59, Calgary.

Dec.

- 7—Corinthian Lodge No. 22, Junior Members' Night, Okotoks.
- 15—Bow River Lodge No. 1, Installation, Calgary.
- 16—Westlock Lodge No. 114, Westlock.
- 18—Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary.

Jan., 1949

- 4—King Hiram Lodge No. 21, Didsbury.
- 8—Renfrew Lodge No. 134, Calgary.
- 21—Shrine Ceremonial, Calgary.

Feb.

- 1—Kennilworth Lodge No. 129, Red Deer.
- 8—Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer.
- 15—Unity Lodge No. 51, Annual Mounted Police Night, Edmonton.
This was probably the biggest meeting I had the pleasure of speaking to.

25-March 4—All Canada Conference, Toronto.

March

- 11—Lethbridge Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge.
- 18—Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary.
- 23—Dominion Lodge No. 117, City Police Night, Edmonton.

April

- 4—Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Strathmore.
- 7—Britannia Lodge No. 18, Ponoka.
- 8—Strathcona Lodge No. 77, Strathcona.
- 13—Rose Croix-Mispah Chapter, Homecoming Celebration, Edmonton.
- 14—Eureka Lodge No. 10, Grand Master spoke on All Canada Conference, Lacombe.
- 17—Rose Croix-Mizpah Chapter, Easter Morning, Edmonton. Breakfast. Grand Master spoke.
- 18—Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne.
- 22—Red Deer Lodges, Grand Master's Night, Red Deer.
- 27—Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Birthday Party, Edmonton.

May

- 9—Jasper Lodge No. 14, Edmonton.
- 12—St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu.
- 16—Empire Lodge No. 63, Empire Night, Edmonton.
- 18—Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod.
- 26—Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.
- 27—Patricia Lodge No. 91, Edmonton.
- 27—Bowden Lodge No. 42, Bowden.

June

- 1-2—Fraternal Visit, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

The All Canada Conference

There was held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on February 28th, March 1st and 2nd, a meeting which may well be one having a great influence on future Freemasonry in Canada. In fact, it may prove to have been an historical occasion, not only for Freemasonry, but for all Canada.

Present at this meeting were the representatives of all Grand Lodges in Canada and Newfoundland. Alberta was represented by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. William A. Henry; Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Howard B. MacDonald; and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore; also M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming was President of the Conference. This Conference had been inaugurated by the get-together conference held at the Seignory Club in February, 1947, which had been the first effort made to have a meeting of all Grand Lodges in British North America.

It had been felt at the get-together conference that much good could and would accrue to Freemasonry by a free discussion of Masonic problems by Grand Lodge officers in such a conference, held once every two years. It was also visualized that such a meeting

would definitely help cement goodwill and unity among the different sections of this great Dominion.

Much credit for the successful launching of the get-together conference and this All Canada Conference must be given to M.W. Bro. Charles Hamilton, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. It was his vision, enthusiasm, and organizing ability that put the All Canada Conference well on its way to such a successful start. R.W. Bro. Ewart Dixon is to be congratulated on his handling of the masses of detail which fell to him as secretary of the Conference.

The gathering was noted for the friendly and frank discussions of all problems presented. I know of no place or circumstance, except in Freemasonry, where so many leaders in science, business and professions, could meet with such harmony, and get so much accomplished in the space of three days.

A copy of the programme and topics for discussion is attached. It will be seen that a very wide range of subjects of vital interest to Freemasonry were discussed, and opinions formed thereon.

The Conference, having no authority over constituent Grand Lodges, could only present its opinions in the form of recommendations. Our Grand Secretary was chairman of a special committee on Foreign Relations. This committee brought in a most informative and useful report. It gave the Conference an up-to-date picture of Freemasonry in all parts of the world, and furnished information that will be of use to all Grand Lodges. This report also made the Conference realize that the world of Freemasonry was much smaller than we would like to have it.

The subject of Research was thoroughly discussed, and a special committee set up under the chairmanship of M.W. Bro. R. W. Harris, Grand Secretary of Nova Scotia. While in Alberta we have only a short history and most of it well authenticated by written and printed documents, it must be remembered that in eastern Canada Freemasonry is over two hundred years old. This committee will have much to investigate and will probably bring to light much interesting and useful information.

There were many other useful and enlightening papers discussed, but I shall not deal with them in this report, as the proceedings are to be published and can be read in our library.

In conclusion, I would express my approval of an All Canada Conference held biennially. It would appear to me to be of value in that the leaders of Freemasonry right across Canada would become personally acquainted, which would greatly facilitate interjurisdictional business. It is much easier to do business with someone you know than just a name at the bottom of a page.

Also the Conference would act as a clearing house for ideas on Masonic problems which come up periodically.

Personally, I enjoyed and profited greatly from both the get-together conference and this first All Canada Conference. The next

meeting will be held in 1951 and M.W. Bro. Woods, Grand Master of P.E.I., is the President.

PROGRAM

First Conference — All Canada Grand Lodges

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, February 28th, 1949

Monday, February 28th.

2 p.m.—Meeting called to order (Library), M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Chairman, presiding.

- (1) Welcome by Chairman.
- (2) Appointment of nominating committee to report on:
 - (a) Officers for next Conference;
 - (b) Time and place of next Conference.
- (3) Presentation of papers on topics to be selected from the list appended hereto by the Chairman as time may permit.

5:15 p.m.—Meeting adjourns.

7:00 p.m.—Formal dinner (tuxedos) tendered by M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, Grand Master (Ontario), to all delegates in Private Dining Room No. 7.

Tuesday, March 1st.

9:30 a.m.—Meeting resumed.

- (5) Presentation of topics in order selected by the Chairman.

1:00 p.m.—Meeting adjourns.

2:00 p.m.—Afternoon session, if required. Otherwise afternoon shall be free.

No special arrangements for dinner.

Wednesday, March 2nd.

9:30 a.m.—Meeting resumed.

- (6) Report of Nominating Committee.
- (7) Election of Officers.
- (8) Time and place of next Conference.
- (9) Presentation of topics in order selected by the Chairman.
- (10) Open forum.

1:00 p.m.—Conference closed.

List of Topics — All Canada Conference, 1949

1.—Dual Membership.

Member Affiliation as between Sister Jurisdictions—"Insofar as the last named subject is concerned, we feel that it is desirable to have a plan developed whereby there would be a more uniform system adopted by the Grand Lodges throughout Canada in the matter of dealing with the affiliation of a Brother who wished to retain membership in His Lodge in a Sister Jurisdiction and

at the same time to become an active member of a Lodge in the Jurisdiction in which he is residing".

Presented by Quebec—Discussed by Saskatchewan.

2.—

- (a) What are the objectives of an All Canada Conference?
- (b) What value will accrue to the individual Grand Lodges in return for their support?
- (c) Would such Conferences be of more value to the Junior Grand Lodge Officers than to the Senior Officers who in many cases will be about to leave office?
- (d) Could such Conferences discuss subjects of national or international interest, which ordinarily would be forbidden in a Craft or Grand Lodge?

Presented by Manitoba—Discussed by Newfoundland (England).

3.—What is the place of Past Grand Masters and how can their abilities and experience be used?

Presented by Ontario—Discussed by British Columbia.

4.—

- (a) Is it desirable for Canadian Grand Lodges to have uniform recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions?
- (b) Report of Special Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Presented by M.W. Bro. George Moore, Alberta—Discussed by

Manitoba.

5.—The importance of the office of Grand Representative.

Presented by Prince Edward Island—Discussed by Ontario.

6.—Is it advisable to organize an All Canadian Lodge of Research following the lines of the American Lodge of Research, New York, and the great English Research Lodges, such as Quatuor Coronati?

Presented by Nova Scotia—Discussed by Newfoundland (Scotland).

7.—Reclaiming the Demitted and Suspended Member.

Presented by Saskatchewan—Discussed by New Brunswick.

8.—Time intervals between degrees and between rites.

Presented by Alberta—Discussed by Quebec.

9.—Uniformity in regalia regulations—particularly as to design, emblems of office and shades of color.

Presented by Newfoundland (England)—Discussed by Ontario.

10.—Physical Qualifications of Candidates.

Presented by New Brunswick—Discussed by Manitoba.

11.—Lodge attendance—how can it be improved?

Presented by British Columbia—Discussed by Nova Scotia.

12.—Time and place of next Conference.

13.—Election of Officers.

14.—Open Forum.

15.—Conference closed—Benediction.

The Western Conference

The seventh annual conference of the four Western Jurisdictions was held in Banff, September 10th and 11th, 1948.

The attendance was not as large as in some previous years, illness depriving us of the presence of three of our old friends from the United States, as well as our neighbors from the west. Full representation was present from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but the B.C. representation was depleted.

I was very pleased to have the company and fellowship of M.W. Bro. W. Hunter, North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. H. Morgan of Montana. It was a delightful and instructive visit with these two Grand Masons from south of the line.

The real value of the Western Conference is the work done by the Junior Grand Lodge officers in preparing for discussion of the papers. To me it has been a real training ground, and I greatly regret that I was so unfortunate as to miss a year. It would appear to me that the Western Conference well repays this Grand Lodge, by the education and inspiration it furnishes its officers, and in the splendid papers on Masonic subjects made available to all members of the Fraternity through the constituent lodges.

The Western Conference also does much to create a bond of union and friendship between the four Western Jurisdictions by bringing the officers together in atmosphere of friendship and brotherly love. M.W. Bro. Geo. Ellis is doing a grand piece of work as Secretary of the Western Conference. He spends much time and thought in the preparations for the Conference, and all for the welfare of the Craft.

There is much Masonic knowledge to spread throughout these four Grand Jurisdictions, and I can think of no better way than through the Western Conference, thence to the Constituent Grand Lodges, and finally through the lodges.

The papers are published and sent to all Grand Lodge officers. They have been a fountain of information to me, and I am sure they will prove of much value to the new officers coming up. I believe enough value would be obtained by this Grand Lodge if the Conference did nothing more than help the newly-elected Grand Lodge officers year by year, as they come forward.

I would strongly recommend that we continue in our support of this Conference, and that our Constituent Lodges make greater use of the papers from the Conference as part of their educational program.

The papers delivered and discussions following produced much very good Masonic material, and were a real inspiration to anyone listening. Much time and work goes into the preparation of these papers, and I trust you will all realize this and by reading them, benefit by a brother's labors.

It was thought by this conference that many Freemasons would like to listen to the papers at the Conference, so the constitution of the Conference was amended, to permit any Master Mason to visit the meetings for the purpose of listening in at the sessions. They would have no vote.

Now, Brethren, let us see a goodly number of visitors. You will be welcome. You will enjoy the Conference and will gain much in Masonic knowledge. Above all, you will meet many of the leaders of Freemasonry in Western Canada.

There are often many visitors of great eminence, and it is an inspiration to hear them.

Eighth Annual Inter-Provincial Conference

of the

Officers of the Western Grand Lodges, A.F. & A.M.

Pres., M.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald — Vice-Pres., M.W. Bro. Dr. Wm. Henry
Sec., M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis

September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1948

All Conference Sessions held in the Cascade Lodge Room, Banff, by courtesy of the Wor. Master and Members of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, G.R.A.

Thursday, September 9th, Evening Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The Fraternal Hour—The President in the Chair.

A Welcome by the Wor. Master of Cascade Lodge No. 5. Members of Cascade Lodge cordially invited.

Friday, September 10th, 9:15 a.m.

President—Call to Order.

Invocation—M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

President's Report.

Passing of Minutes of the 1947 Conference.

Secretary's Report.

Freemasons or Dollars.—M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary of Manitoba.

The Employment of the Lodge Member.—R. Wor. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, Senior Grand Warden of Alberta.

A thorough discussion after each paper is expected.

Afternoon Session, 1:45 p.m.

What Are the Values of Fraternal Relationship?—R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Deputy Grand Master of Manitoba.

The Value of Music in the Lodge.—M. Wor. Bro. Roy G. Long, Past Grand Master of British Columbia.

Should Faithful and Efficient Service in a Lodge be Recognized by the Grand Lodge?—R. Wor. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan.

Full Discussion.

Adjournment.

Annual Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 11th, 9:15 a.m.

Forum.—

- (a) The Attitude of the Lodge to a Disabled Petitioner.—R. Wor. Bro. W. H. Moor, Deputy Grand Master of Saskatchewan.
- (b) The Essentials in the Examination of a Visitor.—R. Wor. Bro. W. H. Morgan, Senior Grand Warden of British Columbia.
- (c) What Are the Essentials of Vouching for a Visitor?—M. Wor. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary of Alberta.
- (d) Is Concurrency of Jurisdictions Advisable Among Constituent Lodges?—M. Wor. Bro. Fred Wilson, Grand Master of Saskatchewan.
- (e) What Must Be Done to Fulfil the Mission of Freemasonry?—M. Wor. Bro. Wm. A. Henry, Grand Master of Alberta.

Selection of meeting place for 1949.

Election of Officers.

New President's remarks.

Closing Prayer.

The Unaffiliated Mason

The unaffiliated member living in our midst has always been a problem, and still is. There are numerous members visiting lodges year after year, who have demitted from their home lodge, and refuse or neglect to affiliate with another. They continue to visit long after their demit has become outdated.

Then again there is that large number of Masons, who, just because they move to a new community, neglect to associate themselves with a new lodge, and in a few years forget they had even attended a Freemasons' lodge.

We should do everything in our power to reclaim these brethren. We should follow the provisions of our constitution, and also make our lodges attractive to visitors, and thus encourage them to wish to unite with us. In order to do this, we must be bright and cheerful about our lodge room, as well as exhibit a genuine interest in our visitor. Our work must be above reproach, and our social hour a real period of friendship. There is a great wealth of material, proven Masonic material, in this unaffiliated group of brethren. Let us try to keep or reclaim them for active participation in our lodges. No not be afraid to approach them as soon as they come to your neighborhood, and you learn they are Freemasons—they will appreciate it.

RULING

I made the following ruling during the year, after due consultation, and with the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee:

Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible—that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates

Answer: No—An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate—where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box—this is considered an Individual Ballot.

Appreciation

I have much to be appreciative of. The splendid harmony and unity which prevail throughout our Jurisdiction, together with the genuine spirit of friendship and loyalty exhibited by our brethren. There are large numbers of brethren who have assisted me in many ways in the carrying out of my duties as Grand Master, in looking after my comfort while away from home, and who gave me of their friendship and companionship without being asked. To these Brethren I must just content myself by saying how much I appreciate your unselfish attentions. To one and all, thank you. To the District Deputy Grand Masters, I wish to pay special tribute for the splendid service rendered to the Craft during the past year. They have given freely of their time and talents, in order to carry on as they thought best for their brethren.

Much good can and does come from the earnest efforts of a District Deputy Grand Master. I have been greatly honored by the loyalty and willingness of the eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters, and my special representative to Yellowknife Lodge. I can only say I am thankful.

To our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, I acknowledge a great debt, indeed. He alone knows how much I needed his help, and I alone know how freely he gave of his knowledge, his friendship, and his grand companionship. His great knowledge of the Jurisdiction and the problems presented in various portions thereof, as well as his close personal touch with a large number of our members, made our work much easier. Words fail to repay my debt to a Grand Mason.

To all the officers on my slate for the past year, I am deeply appreciative of your efforts to help along the work of Grand Lodge, as it came your way. No one ever had a more loyal, nor a more willing staff of officers.

Conclusion

While war and threats of war are present in many parts of the world, the Freemasons of this continent are privileged to meet and practice their noble work without molestation. Let us keep our eyes open and alert as well as prepared, to defend our right to the great freedoms we now possess. There is no denying the fact that the black cloud of Communism has engulfed much of the world; much that was once proud of its Freemasonry. Therefore, Brethren, guard well our portals, and at all times take a definite stand against Communism, or any ism that threatens our way of life, or prevents us from improving that way of life as we think fit.

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. By their fruits you shall know them. Do men gather figs of thorns or grapes of thistles?”

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. HENRY.

Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M.W. Bro. John Martland (63), “That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.” Carried.

REPORTS of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, Alberta, May 3rd, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. for Masonic District No. 1 for the year 1948-49. My term of office has been a very pleasant year, the memories of which I shall always cherish. I consider it both an honour and a privilege to act as your representative and to serve the Brethren of District No. 1 under your capable and friendly guidance. Your sympathetic co-operation and friendly counsel has added much to my Masonic knowledge and I face the end of my term of office with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. I would also like to extend my thanks to M.W. Bro. G. Moore, our Grand Secretary, for his kindly help and assistance which was at all times available and which was greatly appreciated. On assuming my duties as District Deputy, I invited W. Bro. P. J. Tims to act as District Secretary which office he was good enough to accept, and I extend to him my deepest gratitude, his untiring efforts in attending to all the details of his office were of the greatest possible help and has been appreciated to the fullest extent.

VISITATIONS

I have visited officially all Lodges in the District in addition to a number of fraternal visits as time and circumstances permitted and was present at the Installation Ceremonies of every Lodge in this District. On each of these visits I was well received and found the work being exemplified in a very dignified and impressive manner and fully in accordance with the high principles demanded by our order. The books and records were also well kept and on the few occasions when a little friendly criticism was necessary or advice offered, it was received in the true spirit of Masonry. From my observation and study I find Masonry in District No. 1 in a very healthy condition and prospects are considered good for a continuation of present conditions.

It was my privilege to accompany the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers to Mirror during the month of October when Mirror Lodge was constituted and to convey to them greetings from District No. 1.

I also attended the 60th anniversary celebrations of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, which was held on October 9th, 1948, and which was held in conjunction with the annual Inter-Provincial meeting. It was a source of keen satisfaction to realize that a start had been made to revive the Inter-Provincial gatherings, which had been discontinued during the War, as I feel that much can be gained for Mas-

only by freer intercourse with our Brethren from the Sister Province of B.C. I had the pleasure of meeting representatives from several B.C. Lodges and exchanging ideas and opinions with them. I trust this type of meeting will be continued in the future. I was also present at the 40th Anniversary of King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane, on December 9th. Both at the Banff and Cochrane meetings it was my great privilege to convey greetings and best wishes for their continued success.

The District Meeting was held at Banff on September 8th, 1948, in surroundings of unequalled mountain scenery. The meeting was well attended and, as usual, divided into an afternoon and evening session. A banquet was served at 6:30 p.m., at which 108 were present and a special welcome extended to visitors from the U.S.A., including the Most Worshipful Grand Master of North Dakota, R.R. Bro. W. J. Hunter, Grand Master North Dakota, and also Bro. W. A. Gordon, S.W., of Everett Lodge No. 95, Everett, Washington. The afternoon session was opened at 2 p.m. and I had the honour of taking the chair on this occasion and extending a welcome to the Officers of Grand Lodge and all Masons present. W. Bro. C. R. Shaw, on behalf of Cascade Lodge No. 5, also welcomed the Grand Officers and Visitors to Banff. A paper was then presented by W. Bro. W. W. McLaws (59) entitled "The New Mason, His Education and Employment." The presentation of this paper was followed by an interesting discussion lasting 50 minutes and in which a large number of the Brethren took part. Their remarks confirmed the opinion that the Masons' education was rather limited owing to the very short time spent in the Blue Lodge before making application for membership in other kindred organizations, the impression being it would be much better for the Mason and the Craft if the new members would take at least two or more years in the Blue Lodge before applying for membership in other Masonic organizations. However, it was pointed out by the Grand Secretary that other organizations were not recognized by the Blue except in a friendly manner, as concordant organizations. The next subject was "The Product of Freemasonry or the Aim of Freemason Lodges." This was presented by R.W. Bro. G. W. Bureau (134) and was handled in his usual highly efficient manner. The topic was well received and was followed by a ten-minute discussion by Brethren who were keenly interested. The thanks of the meeting was extended to the speakers and it was gratifying to note the intimation by the Grand Master that portions of the aforementioned papers would be used in the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

The afternoon session was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. when many of the members enjoyed a handshake and a few words with the Grand Master and other Grand Officers.

The evening session was convened and duly tyled at 8:15 p.m. by W. Bro. C. R. Shaw and Officers of Cascade Lodge No. 5. This session was very well attended and following the usual routine business three questions were submitted by Bro. G. H. Sentance of Cascade Lodge No. 5:

1. Can a Worshipful Master of a Lodge suspend a member under charge of unmasonic conduct without a trial?
2. After a Lodge Hall has been dedicated to Masonry can it be rented to an O.E.S. or Royal Arch Chapter meetings?

3. Why was the questionnaire to a candidate discontinued?

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. G. Moore, replied to the questions and in a most efficient manner dealt with various viewpoints and interpretations of the questions based on customs and usages of the Craft coupled with information from various Grand Lodge proceedings. It was most interesting and educational and his remarks were greatly appreciated by the meeting, who gave him a round of applause.

This was followed by your instructive and thought-provoking message, M.W. Sir, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to all Brethren in all the Lodges who have given me such cordial receptions and to wish my successor every good wish for the coming year.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN S. HODGSON,
D.D.G.M., District No.1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your approval my Report on the condition of Masonry, as District Grand Master of Masonic District No. 2 for the years 1948-49.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District No. 2 Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Medicine Hat, Oct. 6th-8th. The D.D.G.M. was officially received. The afternoon meeting was informal, very well attended. Two papers on Masonry were presented: paper No. 1, "The New Mason, His Education and Employment by Bro. V. Appleton; and paper No. 2, "Masonry and the Empire" by Bro. W. R. Morris. Were excellent, stirring up a lot of thought, which brought forth many, many questions, making the meeting one well to be remembered in the District. At this meeting we were favored by having with us the M.W. Grand Master Dr. W. A. Henry and M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary.

The evening meeting was also well attended. 6 p.m. we had a well-served and enjoyable banquet. 7:30 p.m., opening of the District Meeting, reception of the D.D.G.M. and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The Reports by the different Lodges in the District showed Masonry to be in a very satisfactory condition. Many questions were asked which were answered very satisfactorily by either the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henry, or the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore. In the Election for D.D.G.M. of the years 1949-50, W. Bro. J. B. Wallace of Bassano Lodge No. 55 was elected. Short addresses were given by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary which were all well received indeed. I consider the meeting was very successful in every respect.

OFFICIAL VISITS

During my term of office I officially visited every Lodge in the District at least once and the ones near home several times. Words fail me when I think of the friendship and fellowship that was always extended to me and the kindly welcome extended to me on each and every occasion.

My first visit was to Bassano Lodge No. 55 on Sept. 9th. Nice Lodge room, good attendance, friendly atmosphere and much activity among the Members. Books and finances in good shape.

Second visit was to Bow Island, Lodge No. 64, Sept. 15th. I was accompanied by 25 of the Brethren from No. 2 and No. 35 Lodges in Medicine Hat. Members from No. 2 Lodge assisted in the Third Degree work. For a small Lodge this lodge is doing very good work. They have bought a school building which they have converted into a Lodge Hall. A good friendly bunch of Masons. Books, records and finance O.K.

Manyberries Lodge No. 133 was visited Sept. 16th. Very poor attendance on account of harvesting and members living so far away. This Lodge owns their own building and has an excellent Lodge room, but the activity is poor. Would sincerely advise that the incoming D.D.G.M. be alert. No work, balloting for one applicant. Books and finance in good condition.

Brooks Lodge No. 73 was the next one I visited, accompanied by 9 Masons from Medicine Hat. Excellent Lodge, good atmosphere, very active and friendly. This is where I had to give a ruling on Collective Balloting. Ruled it was unconstitutional, but was carried through by motion. However, I took the matter up with the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, who in reply stated that this matter of Collective Balloting would be ruled upon at the next Session of Grand Lodge. Good Lodge building, excellent Lodge, very efficient officers, very good historical register. Records and finance in very good condition.

I was at Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliff, on Oct. 14th. Very auspicious meeting for Quarry Lodge, as they had the pleasure of receiving an official visit for the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Henry, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore, accompanied by twenty Brethren from Medicine Hat. I understand that this is the first time that Quarry Lodge has ever had the pleasure of an official visit paid them by the Reigning Grand Master. It was also a happy experience for me. Four Bro.'s were raised to the 3rd Degree. Officers very efficient and assisted by a Fellow Craft degree team of twelve Brethren from Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. A very enjoyable evening.

It was a happy and wonderful experience when I made my official visit to my Mother Lodge, Medicine Hat No. 2. The 1st Degree was conferred on three Candidates in a very efficient manner by the Lodge Officer. Mizpah Lodge No. 35 was well represented at the meeting by paying a fraternal visit with all the Officers and some accompanying Members. A very well attended meeting. The books, records, historical records and finances of the Lodge are in a very excellent condition indeed, which placed them in a very enviable position in the District.

The official visit to Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57 will be one I shall remember for a long time. What this Country Lodge lacks in Members, they certainly make up in spirit and brotherly friendship. Grassy Lake is roughly about 60 miles from Medicine Hat, but even at that fourteen Brethren accompanied me on my visit. This is another Lodge in the district who have bought a school house, moved it, and turned it into a Lodge Hall, putting their hands into their own pockets and helping to pay for the moving and remodelling. A very nice gesture by Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2 in donating to them the Venetian blinds, and Mizpah No. 35 in donating \$75,000 to help in the electrical lighting system. These were officially presented at the meeting. Found books, records and finances in good shape.

Made my official visit to Quarry Lodge No. 70 Tuesday, November 2nd. Very nice and enjoyable meeting. No work. Talk by the D.D. G.M. entitled "Thoughts on Masonry" which seemed to be well received. Also had a talk from Bro. N. J. Luna on his experiences on his trip to Denmark. A very nice gesture by Brooks Lodge No. 73 in coming to the meeting by sending seven Members which was arranged by R.W. Bro. MacFarlane at my request. Also had fifteen Members accompany me from Medicine Hat. A very active Lodge with a good friendly atmosphere. All records and finances in good shape.

Mizpah Lodge No. 35 Medicine Hat, its Members and Brethren present, gave me a particularly warm welcome on my official visit November 16th. A host of visitors present, full Lodge room. Fraternal visit from the Officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2. Visit from M.W. Bro. Ellis, P.G.M., was very much enjoyed, also visits from two Past Masters of Mizpah Lodge who are residing out of the city, in the persons of W. Bro. Geo. Hoover and W. Bro. Harry McMillan. Fellow Craft Degree was well exemplified by the Lodge Officers. A well conducted and splendid meeting throughout. The Lodge is in excellent financial shape, also all records.

CONCLUSION

I find that all the Lodges in the District take the Grand Lodge Bulletin, which to my mind is a healthy sign of progressive Masonry.

Also that most Lodges show substantial increase in Membership, and are all in good financial standing.

I particularly wish to thank all the R.W. Bros., P.M.'s, Masters and Brethren, and the Members with automobiles, who have helped me on the way in making life easier for the D.D.G.M. Thanks a lot, fellows.

And last but not least, to the Officers and Brethren of all Lodges in District No. 2 I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for their splendid co-operation during my term of office.

Faternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. MARSH,
D.D.G.M., District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Stony Plain, Alberta, March 22nd, 1949.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as your District Deputy Grand Master in the Third Masonic District for the year 1948-49.

Through the able assistance of your Past D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Len Beatty, and the kind help of R.W. Bros. Jack Booth, Dick Thompson, Eric Hawkins, Russell Bradley, James Malloch and many others, who assisted me greatly on official visits, my year of office has been a pleasant one, and I trust fruitful in the advance of Masonry. I wish to add also all Lodge Officers in this acknowledgment of assistance; with special mention of R.W. Bro. Fred Whitfield for his splendid arrangements in making the District Meeting a success.

Each of the Lodges has had an official visit and will be visited again before the end of our year. The city Lodges with their large membership show great skill in conferring degrees, and in all cases the younger members are taking a real interest in their part of the work.

The country lodges with smaller membership, and with most officers and members coming from farms, nevertheless show us they are living up to the highest traditions of the Craft. Their Lodge work and their attention to the same is excellent.

Looking at the overall picture of Masonry in District No. 3, we have 83 new Members and the records show that in the greater number, from 25 to 35 years of age, we are assured of growth and advancement as they are an inspiration to other young men with whom they come in contact in their daily work.

Official visits were made as follows:

Edson Lodge No. 86, Edson, September 2nd.
Meridian No. 129, Stony Plain, September 8th.
Jasper Park No. 143, Jasper, September 23rd.
Star of the West No. 34, Leduc, November 2nd.
Commercial No. 81, Edmonton, November 6th.
Unity No. 51, Edmonton, November 16th.
Wetaskiwin No. 5, Wetaskiwin, November 18th.
Edmonton No. 7, Edmonton, November 23rd.

SPECIAL MEETING

On October 21st R.W. Bro. Len Beatty accompanied me to Edson where we were joined by the Officers and Members of Edson Lodge, to go to Mercoal where a large number of Members of Edson Lodge reside. Having previously received your permission they set up lodge and conferred to F.C. degree in their usual workmanlike manner. Visitors from Jasper, Mountain Park, Luscar and Cadomin were on hand. We here tender our official thanks to Edson Lodge for their hospitality.

District meeting of District No. 3, A. F. & A. M., G.R.A., was conducted in the Masonic Temple in Edmonton on Saturday, October 9th.

The afternoon session took the form of a get-together. Papers on Masonic work and principles were ably presented by R.W. Bros. Smith of Wetaskiwin and Dick Thompson of Edmonton No. 7. Although we had a small attendance we derived much Masonic knowledge from the discussions. After supper in the banquet room the M.M. Grand Secretary, Bro. George Moore, gave us an interesting and instructive address.

The evening session was opened by Officers of my home Lodge, Meridian No. 129. The D.D.G.M. being then received, the Lodge was informed that the Grand Master was in waiting. He and the Grand Lodge Officers were then received with honours. The Minutes of the previous District Meeting being passed, all Lodges submitted their reports and R.W. Bro. L. G. Beatty gave his yearly report as D.D.G.M. On nomination R.W. Bro. Jack Booth was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the term 1949-50. R.W. Bro. Booth accepted the office subject to sanction of Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then presented Past D.G.M.R.W. Bro. L. G. Beatty with his regalia, at the same time congratulating him on his splendid work. The Grand Master gave us many good thoughts to take home, with suggestions on ways and means to further the good work in Freemasonry. We thank him for this inspiration.

It has been a great privilege and pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, to act as your assistant and trust that my year's work has your approval.

May I recommend your loyal support to my successor, your new D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Jack Booth.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. MICHAEL,
D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It has been a pleasure as well as a privilege to serve under you in District No. 4, your home District, in which the Officers and members of all eleven Lodges have extended to me kindly co-operation and many courtesies.

During the year I have paid twenty-one official visits within the District and attended other Lodge functions, while outside the District I attended the Consecration and Dedication of Ancient Landmark; visited Utah Grand Lodge in Salt Lake, California Grand Master's District Meeting in Santa Cruz and Texas Lodge No. 43 in San Juan. All of which was interesting and instructive.

District No. 4 lists 963 Members with \$15,785.00 liquid assets and \$58,592.00 total assets over liabilities, or an average of \$17.00 in liquid

and \$61.00 in total assets per member. A fairly favourable position financially.

Six of the eleven Lodges own their own quarters, and all have respectable, well kept Lodge rooms, which indicates stability.

Eight Lodges showed an increase of fifty members and two Lodges a decrease of four, or a net increase of forty-six members. The Lodge rating highest in all-round efficiency gained two and lost two. The average attendance in this Lodge is 72 per cent of the resident members, whereas the average for the District is 47 per cent.

Much Degree Work seems to crowd out Educational Work and detract from the general efficiency of the Lodge; suggesting that we might well give consideration to more Emergent Meetings and reserving the Regular Meetings for Lodge Welfare and Masonic Education.

Many of our Members act as though the Lodge functioned for the gratification of their vanity and pleasure or are complacent and just take Masonry for granted. There seems to be a lack of incentive "to do a good job well", both in the making of Freemasons and the living out of the Great Principals for which our Ancient and Honourable Order stands.

The first part of the Work given us by our Grand Master last year, "The New Mason", has been fairly well received and acted upon. But the second part, "The Duties of a Mason in Local, Provincial and Dominion Affairs", has been neglected. Therefore I would humbly suggest that this very important and timely subject be continued into the coming year.

May success crown the efforts of our successors and Brotherly Love prevail, not only among Freemasons, but among all mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

ERNEST ROSS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rosalind, Alberta, April 29th, 1949.

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother:

It gives me great pleasure to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifth Masonic District, covering my term of office.

The District Meeting was held at Bawlf on Friday, August 6th, 1948.

The afternoon session was in the Lodge rooms where an open forum was held with a large attendance, including the Grand Master,

Dr. W. A. Henry, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore. The meeting consisted of a general discussion on Freemasonry and also the reading of a paper, "The New Mason: His Education and Employment", by R. W. Bro. C. B. Sarjeant. A second paper, "Masonry and the Empire", was omitted as R.W. Bro. Shepard was unable to be present, and as a substitute the District Deputy read a paper on "The Dignity of Conferring Degrees." These papers were thoroughly discussed and enjoyed by all.

M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore proved a source of information by answering all questions and enlightening the Brethren on Masonry in general.

*At 5 p.m. a recess was called, and at 6 p.m. a banquet was held in the Bawlf Community Hall, where some hundred and twenty Brethren partook of a grand dinner prepared by the members of the Bawlf United Church Ladies' Aid. Toasts to the Grand Lodge Officers by W. Bro. Carl Blakeney of Harmony Lodge No. 75, was responded to by M.W. Bro. Geo. Moore. R.W. Bro. Hans Farvollen proposed a toast to the Ladies, which was very appropriate, and which voiced the sentiments of all the Brethren present.

After the banquet the hall was arranged as a Lodge room for the evening session. At 8 p.m. Lodge was opened by the Officers of Melrose Lodge No. 62 with W. Bro. H. J. Driedger in the chair. The District Deputy was received with honours, and after resuming the chair received the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary with Grand Honours.

The minutes of the previous District Meeting were read and adopted. The Finance and Credential Committees were then appointed, and retired to prepare their reports.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Brady gave his report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 5, which proved to be very satisfactory and encouraging.

Representatives of the different Lodges gave their reports as to the work during the year.

All reports showed activity and the Lodges in good financial condition.

The Grand Master expressed the hope that all Lodges would do their work at emergent meetings, and leave all business for the regular meetings.

The Finance and Credential Committees then presented their reports, which were accepted.

W. Bro. Chas. Gillies of Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed, was elected District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 5 for the year 1949-1950, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. W. Bro. Gillies expressed his appreciation and invited the Brethren to meet at Loughheed for the next District Meeting in 1950.

The Grand Master then gave a very informative and inspiring address.

My official visits were as follows:

Forestburg Lodge No. 128, July 28th.

Provost Lodge No. 61, August 18th.
Efficiency Lodge No. 141, November 1st.
Excelsior Lodge No. 80, November 4th.
Alliance Lodge No. 135, November 3rd.
Harmony Lodge No. 75, November 8th.
Comet Lodge No. 50, November 10th.
Morning Star Lodge No. 79, November 18th.
Melrose Lodge No. 62, December 16th.
Tuscan Lodge No. 43, December 1st.
Camrose Lodge No. 37, March 10th.

Each Lodge showed real activity, and interest in their work. The Officers in most cases were efficient and performed their respective duties with dignity and solemnity. It is very encouraging to see an increasing number of Candidates in nearly every Lodge.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Brethren who so willingly accompanied me on my visits and especially R. W. Bro. W. J. Brady, who was with me on many occasions.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of acting as District Deputy under your leadership, Most Worshipful Sir, and trust my successor, W. Bro. Chas. Gillies, will receive the same co-operation and assistance from the Brethren of District No. 5 that I have during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. RILEY,
D.D.G.M., District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Nanton, Alberta, April 3rd, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the pleasure of presenting to you my report on the condition of Masonry in this District.

It may be small in size but by no means so in accomplishment. Up to the present I have visited each Lodge once, officially, and received the honors on each occasion, and at different times unofficially.

Our District Meeting was held in Nanton on the ninth day of August and was quite well attended in spite of the fact that harvest was well under way and that many of the Brethren were busy gathering in their crops.

The afternoon was given over to the reading of papers, one by V. Wor. Brother C. Gaskell of Cairo No. 32, stressing the necessity of good citizenship. Wor. Brother Fanning stated "that a Mason is born, not made", and that prospective candidate should not be asked to join.

Rt. Wor. Brother Hodson spoke briefly on the beautiful exemplifications propounded in the Rituals, asking that these be given in a most solemn manner. Suggesting that the young Masons should exemplify the Fellowcraft Degree once in a while, in the interest of "more Light in Masonry".

The Grand Master stated that these papers were for the purpose of creating more interest in the Lodge Work. He also stated that he was not sure whether a Brother knew what it was all about, even after he had received his M.M. Apron. His point was, "to take a good man, make him a Mason and make him a better man".

M.W. Brother Moore gave in his discourse that Freemasonry was an accumulation of all the practises of citizenship, charity and benevolence which throughout the ages had been found to be good.

Another paper was entitled "The product of Freemasonry or the aim of Freemason Lodges".

This paper should have been given by Wor. Brother P. R. Wray, but in his absence was given by myself.

Here the M.W. the G.M. stated that these afternoon discussions were to help enlighten all the members of this Fraternity.

At 6.30 p.m. the G.L. Officers, together with Visitors and members retired to the Co-op. Rooms, where a splendid banquet was served. And here a very interesting talk was given by M.W. Brother Moore on the possibilities and opportunities of the Peace River Country.

At 8 o'clock p.m. the Meeting was called to order by Wor. Bro. W. H. White, the Master of Nanton Lodge No. 17 and the Lodge purged.

The D.D.G.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Frantzen was introduced and received with honors, after which he took over the gavel and opened the Lodge.

The M.W. the G. Master, M.W. Brother Moore, G. Secretary, and other G.L. Officers were introduced and received with honors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by R. Wor. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley and adopted. The report of the D.D.G.M. was read and adopted. Then the reports from the various Lodges in the District, except Joppa No. 40, were read and adopted.

Election of Dist. Dep. G.M. produced the name of Wor. Bro. J. H. Forckel of Corinthian Lodge No. 22, nominated by Rt. Wor. Bro. Stanley, who was duly elected. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hodson invited the District to hold its next Meeting in Okotoks where he promised a good time.

A question asked by Wor. Bro. Forckel, relating to the Work was ruled by the G. Master, that only the Custodians can give a ruling on the Work and this must come through the Grand Secretary.

VISITATIONS

My first official visit was to Nanton No. 17, where I was received with honors. I wish to state that whenever there happened to be

work on the same night I always had to cut my discourse down owing to scarcity of time. However, this has to some extent been remedied at other times.

This Lodge is at present renting, and its quarters are hardly fit for a Masonic Lodge, but they have a building of their own as soon as a new Church will be built. I very much doubt they will be in their own hall this year, but it is coming and we will have a hall with a few alterations not much inferior to the best.

The territory is strictly rural and a fine group of young members give great promise for the future.

My next official visit was to Cairo No. 32 in Claresholm. This Lodge owns its own Hall and it is right homely, a place to be proud of and all paid for. The officers exemplify the Degrees in a splendid way which indicates that they are well groomed by the old Past Masters, who see to it that the ancient Landmarks are observed in so far as they are known to the Brethren.

This Lodge also is both suburban and rural and is the third in number of members in the District. Their books are well kept and reports always on time.

Then came Stavelly No. 33 which I visited officially on November 2nd. This Lodge also own their own Hall and it also is paid for and they have made several improvements during the past year. I notice that one half of its membership are non-resident which gives them only 26 local members and in so far as it is located in a rural community it speaks well for the way things are going down there.

On November 18th I made my visit to Cornerstone No. 19. It happened on a Past Masters' night and I am pleased to say that the Past Masters are still going strong, but that is as it should be. This Lodge, like Nanton, is living in a rented Hall, but they have a fine locale and roomy enough to entertain any crowd they may gather in.

Their work in the Third is tops in the District. I happened to drop in on them last month unexpectedly and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. This Lodge has the next largest territory in the District and the next largest membership. The Books are well kept; all is in order.

And now we come to Corinthian No. 22. Here I made my official visit on March 1st, but had already made two visits before that. It was a grand evening, there was no degree work, and I had the whole evening to myself and having good light, made use of it.

Unfortunately, before leaving Turner Valley, one of the Brothers dropped dead and that had to be looked after before the rest of the Brethren could leave, but they arrived after the business was concluded, and to a certain extent cast a gloom over the evening.

Among the members present were Rt. Wor. Brothers Hodson, Knowles and Ardiel, also several P. Masters, and to them I attribute the perfection of the various ceremonies.

This Lodge has the largest territory in the District and also the largest slice of Turner Valley, a fruitful District for candidates. It

has also a beautiful Hall of which the Members can feel justly proud, but there is more than that: it is the feeling of companionship that pervades its Meetings.

And now for the last, but not the least of our District Members, Joppa No. 40. I missed the February Meeting on account of a blizzard, but made up for it on March 10th. There was no Degree Work and I had a most pleasant evening. In territory, it is squeezed in between Claresholm on the North and Macleod on the South and between the Rockies on the West and Nobleford on the East.

It is the smallest Lodge in the District and all but three Members were present. I was received with honors as in the other Lodges, and find that they have their Lodge room repaired and in good shape. Some of the officers are young members and show good promise for the future.

I would also call your attention to the fact that it appears to be difficult to find someone to take the Secretary's chair, not that I have any complaints of the present one, but he appears to have so many other things to look after that he has to leave something undone or at least delayed, and so, our Institution has had to bear the brunt. However, the future may provide another.

In closing I would like to use M.W. Bro. R. O. Jaspersen's words, coming from Wisconsin and translated by myself:

In our present day we see in social life as well as in business a tendency to streamline whatever we are doing, but as regards our Fraternity, will say, that we are bound by the most solemn obligations to preserve the ancient Landmarks and Constitutions thereof, so I do not believe there will be a great deal of change in our Fraternity for many years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER FRANTZEN, D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, Alberta.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report for my term of office as your representative in Masonic District No. 7.

I have examined the books and records of the 11 Lodges in the District and, on the whole, found them well kept, with the exception of the historical registers in some cases. Nearly all the Lodges have been active in degree work and it is my impression that some excellent material is being received into the craft. I have endeavored to stress the importance of careful selection of candidates on my visits.

The reports for the calendar year 1948 show a total membership of 1,011, of which 705 are resident and 306 non-resident. The net increase for the year is 49.

Two Lodges in the District own their halls outright and have very suitable meeting places. Five other Lodges are Stockholders to a varying degree, in premises owned by separate companies composed of Masonic bodies and individual Masons.

My official duties began with the District Meeting held in Lethbridge on August 11th, 1948. The afternoon session was fairly well attended. The papers presented by Rt. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher on "The Duties of a Mason in Local, Provincial and Dominion Affairs" and by V. W. Bro. E. J. Rossiter on "The New Mason—His Employment and Education", were well prepared and a good discussion followed among the brethren assembled. The idea of informal afternoon sessions seems to meet with the approval of Masons in this District and I believe it should be continued.

The evening session was well attended. Officers of Doric Lodge No. 31, Taber, occupied the chairs and conducted the opening and receptions. I wish to thank them for their assistance in this regard and for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties. The Brethren enjoyed and appreciated the remarks of yourself and M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary. Lodge reports showed the Craft in a healthy condition. A resolution was passed asking the Grand Master to consider holding the District Meeting at a later date, preferably in October. W. Bro. Tom Hatch of Chief Mountain No. 58, Cardston, was elected as my successor, and I extend to him my congratulations and wish him a successful and pleasant term of office. Lethbridge was chosen as the meeting place for 1949.

In September I accompanied the officers and members of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 on a fraternal visit to Concord No. 124, Calgary, and expect to be on hand at the return visit of Concord to Lethbridge scheduled for May of this year. These fraternal visits and exchange of work have many desirable features in promoting good fellowship and raising the standard of work, and I feel this practice could well be extended to other Lodges in the jurisdiction.

On March 11th I had the pleasure of accompanying you and M. W. Bro. Moore on a visit to North Star No. 4. The meeting was well attended by Brethren of the City and District, and the addresses of yourself and M. W. Bro. Moore were greatly appreciated.

Following is a list of my official visits:

Foremost No. 103, September 1.—Owing to harvest season, the attendance was small, but Lodge appears active and in good shape. Lodge has support of several veteran and well-skilled Masons, and books and records are well kept.

Lucerne No. 159, Vauxhall.—Meeting well attended and well conducted. M.M. Degree conferred in fine manner. Books and records in good shape.

Doric No. 31, Taber, October 5.—A good attendance of members on hand, and I had the support of many Lethbridge Brethren. No

Degree Work, but regular business including balloting conducted in proper manner. W. Bro. C. Jespersen had conferred the Degrees on two of his sons previously and I had the unique and pleasing experience of seeing the W.M. conduct the M.M. examination of his son in fine manner.

Century No. 100, Milk River, October 12.—Large meeting with 40 members and 42 visitors present. Several Brethren from Montana Grand Jurisdiction were present, and I had the support of many Lethbridge Brethren. This is a very active Lodge with members co-operating in completing a fine new hall. Finances in sound condition. The E.A. Degree was conferred in an impressive manner by the W.M. and Officers.

York No. 119, Lethbridge, November 2nd.—No Degree Work, but business conducted efficiently. Books and records well kept; financial condition excellent. I had the opportunity of several unofficial visits to this Lodge and witnessed all Degrees conferred in fine manner.

North Star No. 4, Lethbridge, November 12th.—Your representative's Mother Lodge. Lodge active and in sound financial condition. Degrees are conferred in proper manner and business meetings conducted efficiently. Year highlighted by your visit on March 11th, with attendance of 125.

Chief Mountain No. 58, Cardston, November 15th.—Well attended by local members and ten Lethbridge Brethren. The membership of this Lodge is widely scattered owing to local conditions, some members residing in United States. Lodge active due to energy and skill of several well-informed Brethren. Books and records well kept; one of few Lodges with up-to-date historical register.

Diamond City No. 65, Coalhurst, December 2nd.—Interesting meeting; some officers were absent on that evening, but meetings are well conducted and Lodge is marked by a fine spirit of fellowship. Finances and records in good shape, and Lodge has been active.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, December 16.—Lodge is very active and meetings are well attended. All work, business and degree, of high order. I have attended several meetings during my term of office and have been well received. Highlight of year's activities is fraternal visit with Concord No. 124, Calgary, which are held spring and fall of each year.

Charity No. 67, Lethbridge, December 20.—One of the smaller city Lodges but above average in percentage of attendance. Given cordial reception and spent interesting evening at last meeting of 1948 Master and Officers. As is case with other city Lodges, I have had frequent opportunities to observe work of Charity Lodge and have found both business and Degree Work well conducted and fine fraternal spirit prevailing.

Sharon No. 157, Picture Butte, March 23rd.—My last official visit was to Sharon Lodge, and found the books and records well kept. Business was light but well conducted. Was present at October meeting unofficially and observed F.C. Degree conferred in good manner. Lodge is active and interest keen.

I have endeavored to present a variety of topics to the Brethren on my visits and have been given kind attention on all occasions. I have tried, mainly, to speak on subjects of Lodge program and management and from the interest displayed I am led to believe that the Brethren of District No. 7 are deeply conscious of the welfare of their Lodges.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 7 and yourself, M. W. Sir, for electing and confirming me to the office of D.D.G.M. I hope I have given satisfactory service to you and the Craft. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance given me by the District Secretary, W. Bro. E. J. Faunch; the District Treasurer, V. W. Bro. W. M. Edwards, and to my successor, Rt. W. Bro. Geo. M. McLean who has accompanied me on all my official visits; also to V. W. Bro. Harold Routledge, Grand Steward, who has been with me on all but one official visit and has provided transportation for me on most occasions. Along with the support of P.D.D.G.M.'s and many other Brethren, these things have made my tour of duty very pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

PAUL JONES, D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Blairmore. Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

As my term of office as your District Deputy nears the end. I have the honor of submitting herewith, for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 8.

The District Meeting was held at Blairmore on August 12th, 1948. We were honored by your presence as well as that of M. W. Bro. George Moore who accompanied you.

The meeting was opened at 2.30 p.m. to discuss papers prepared by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., and Bro. J. A. McKay of Spitzie Lodge. After some discussion on the papers submitted, a postponement was proclaimed and a social hour spent. This was followed by a banquet which was served at 6.30 by the Ladies' Aid of Blairmore United Church.

The District Meeting proper was opened by the officers of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 at 8 p.m. I was officially received with appropriate honors. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers were duly presented and received with Grand Honors.

Encouraging reports were submitted by the Masters of Lodges as to conditions of their respective Lodges.

At the conclusion of the ordinary business of the District Meeting the election of the next District Deputy Grand Master took place, when

W. Bro. Ernest Fisher, of Sentinel Lodge No. 26. was elected to that office, and Hillcrest selected as the place for the next annual meeting of District No. 8. A short address by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore was followed by an inspiring address by M. W. Bro. W. A. Henry, Grand Master.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES

Alberta Lodge No. 3.—I visited this Lodge on October 20th, 1948, and found it operating in a new and completely equipped building owned by the Lodge. The Second Degree was conferred in a most efficient manner. The books and records are kept up-to-date and the officers are well versed in the work. On this visit I was accompanied by eight members of Rocky Mountain Lodge.

Spitzie Lodge No. 6.—In company of members from Blairmore I visited this Lodge on November 2nd, 1948. There was a fine attendance of members and two candidates were then initiated. The books in the capable hands of W. Bro. R. Dunlop were found to be in good order. M. W. Bro. Middleton was present and delivered a short address.

Chinook Lodge No. 47.—Accompanied by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank and several members from Rocky Mountain Lodge, I paid an official visit to this Lodge on November 15th, 1948. Owing to the fact that this is a Lodge with a small membership, the attendance was as good as could be expected. The Lodge is in sound financial condition and the books are well kept by R. W. Bro. M. A. Murphy.

Summit Lodge No. 30.—This Lodge was visited officially by me on February 4th, 1949. There was a fine turn-out of members and the business of the Lodge was carried out most efficiently by the officers. They have enjoyed a very good year, their finances are very sound and the books are in good order, being attended to by V. W. Bro. M. W. Cooke.

Sentinel Lodge No. 26.—Accompanied by thirteen members from Rocky Mountain Lodge, I paid my official visit to this Lodge on March 10th, 1949. There was a large attendance present. The Third Degree was conferred in the usual able manner that one expects from the officers of Sentinel Lodge. The books and records are in excellent shape and finances sound. due in large manner to the guiding hand of R. W. Bro. F. Padgett.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86.—This being my home Lodge, I reserved my last official visit for it. On April 12th, 1949, I officially visited Rocky Mountain Lodge and received a warm welcome from the members and visitors present. My Lodge is in a flourishing condition having added considerably to the membership roll during the past year and the finances are sound. Owing to the fact that I happen to be the Secretary of this Lodge, I claim, with becoming modesty, that the records are kept up-to-date.

I have sought to give a picture of the condition of Masonry in District No. 8 as it appeared to me. I have been cordially received on all my official visits in the District, and I trust that I have been of some service to the Craft in general.

To my successor, W. Bro. Ernest Fisher, I give the assurance of a warm welcome by his Brethren and the many pleasant experiences which await him during his term of office.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I can assure you that it has been a real privilege, and a very pleasant experience to have served as your District Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

S. McDOWELL, D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Kirriemuir, Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for the Ninth Masonic District for the year 1948-49.

I have visited officially every Lodge in the District at least once. And I am happy to report that the condition of Masonry is very good. I was particularly impressed by the sincerity and earnestness of Lodge officers at those Lodges where Degrees were being conferred during my visit. A check of the records at the different Lodges reveal on the whole that Lodge records are faithfully and accurately kept, though historical registers in the majority of cases are but skeletons of what they could be in the way of Lodge events.

The District Meeting was held at Consort on Wednesday, August 25th, 1948, with R. W. Bro. Ballentine acting as secretary. The afternoon session, starting at 2.30, was given over to the reading of two papers. "The New Mason—His Education and Employment", given by Bro. J. C. O'Brien of Coronation Lodge No. 72, and "The Product of Freemasonry or The Aims of Freemasonry", given by W. Bro. Cameron of Apollo Lodge No. 27. After which, open forum was held and matters of Masonic interest discussed and questions answered by M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. This continued till adjournment to the banquet at 6 p.m.

The District Meeting was formally opened by Monitor Lodge No. 120 at 8 p.m. and I was officially received at 8.10. The Grand Lodge Officers were then introduced and received in form.

The reading of the minutes and regular routine of the meeting was then proceeded with. The I.P.D.D.G.M. gave his report upon the condition of Masonry for the year 1947-48.

W. Bro. Stone was elected as D.D.G.M.-elect for the year 1949-50. Bro. Stone accepted this office and stated he would give of his best in the interests of Masonry.

An invitation was then extended by Beaver Lodge No. 56 to hold the next District Meeting at Castor, which invitation was accepted.

The gathering was then addressed by the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and much Masonic information and insight was gained by the Brethren present. Meeting closed in harmony at an early hour.

Following is a list of Official Visits:

Ionic Lodge No. 45, Alix, Alberta.—My official visit to this Lodge took place October 14th, 1948. A goodly number were present, including visitors from Apollo Lodge No. 27. Ionic Lodge, though small in numbers of resident members, shows good prospects for the future. Finances in good shape and records accurately kept.

Apollo Lodge No. 27.—Visited April 4th, 1949; 30 members present, also visitors from Ionic Lodge No. 45. A very commendable Second Degree was conferred during my visit. The efficiency and earnestness of the officers taking part in the Degree being due in no small part to the active interest of the Past Masters. Finances in good shape. Lodge records well kept, and a sincere effort being made to bring past records up-to-date.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140.—April 5th, 1949. I was accompanied upon this visit by W. Bro. Cameron, W. Bro. W. Filipenko and Bro. Rouse, all of Apollo Lodge No. 27. A good attendance. This Lodge shows good prospects for the future, but is somewhat handicapped by not owning their own hall. However, a movement is afoot to raise Lodge dues and start a building fund to rectify this. Records accurately kept.

Beaver Lodge No. 56.—Visited April 6th, 1949. About 25 members present, including D.D.G.M.-elect, W. Bro. Stone. No Degree Work at this meeting. A fine Masonic spirit prevails. Officers efficient and records well under the supervision of R. W. Bro. Marshall. Finances in splendid shape. Prospects very good.

Monitor Lodge No. 120.—As this is my home Lodge I have been in regular attendance at every meeting. Prospects are very good. Several applications from worthwhile candidates on hand. A lot of Degree Work has contributed to the experience of the officers. Finances not so good, but steps are being taken to raise the dues and overcome this. Records well kept.

Coronation Lodge No. 72.—Visited April 14th, 1949, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Topham, W. Bro. R. R. Annett and W. Bro. Selnes, all of Monitor Lodge No. 120. A Second Degree in the Canadian Rite was conferred during this visit, and R. W. Bro. Kennedy presented with his regalia. Finances in good shape; records well kept.

In conclusion, M. W. Master, I would like to state that as your representative for the year 1948-49 I have gained much Masonic insight and experience. It has been a pleasure to act as D.D.G.M. And the welcome given me at every Lodge visited has been very much appreciated, and I deem it a privilege to have experienced it.

To my successor, W. Bro. Stone, I wish every success and can assure him of the same co-operation from District No. 9 that I have received.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. H. BROCKLESBY, D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Mannville, Alberta, April 27th, 1949.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It is an honor to have the privilege of submitting herewith, for your consideration, the report of my stewardship as your Deputy for District No. 10.

During my term of office I visited officially the thirteen Lodges of the District, all at regular meetings, and at each of these meetings I was accompanied by some member or members of my own Lodge. Hope Lodge of Mannville. At every meeting I was received with the most cordial and courteous welcome and I will long remember the hospitality and good fellowship evinced by the Officers and Brethren, which it seems can only be found in a Masonic Lodge.

I used the very fine paper of M. W. Bro. Hector Mackay on "The Dignity of Conferring our Degrees" as the basis of my address at most of these meetings. I was pleased to find that the Grand Lodge Bulletin is being supplied and mailed with the monthly notices to the entire membership by all the Lodges with the exception of one. I stressed the need of each member making full use of the Bulletin and urged them to be sure to read it. I also urged each Lodge to make proper use of the fine material which Grand Lodge has supplied, at considerable expense, for Educational Purposes. I also pointed out the value of inter-Lodge visitations. Much good could be derived if the Country Lodges and particularly the Officers could be persuaded to make yearly visitations to some of the City Lodges.

Masonry in the District is in a healthy condition. Financially, all the Lodges are in fine shape. The Secretaries, almost without exception, have their books well kept, up-to-date and in good order, and much credit is due them for their interest in their Lodges. The membership of the District increased during 1948 by 71 members. All the Lodges, with three exceptions, showed increases. Applications appear to be slowing in the Country Lodges, but the City Lodges are very busy with Degree Work, which seems to be on the increase. Attendance averages are very good, but could be improved.

District Meeting.—The District Meeting was held at Vegreville on Friday, October 15th, 1948. Owing to St. John's Lodge being the most centrally located Lodge of the District and in spite of the day being cold and blustery with the first spell of winter, a splendid meeting was held. Registration took place at 2 o'clock p.m., and the attendance was very gratifying, with registration numbering 98. At 2.30 o'clock p.m. the open forum was called to order. The M. W. the Grand Master, Dr. W. A. Henry; the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore and Rt. Wor. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler, were in attendance with representatives from most of the Lodges of the District being present. Splendid papers were given by Wor. Bro. E. W. White of St. John's Lodge and Bro. S. Olsonberg of Hope Lodge. These were well received and evoked considerable discussion. The M. W. Grand Master commented on the papers and with the Grand Secretary explained

many of the questions which were raised. At 6 o'clock p.m. a delightful banquet was served in the Legion Hall, catered to by the Ladies of Joan of Arc Chapter. O.E.S. An informal but very interesting and informative address was given by M. W. Bro. George Moore in reply to the toast to the M. W. the Grand Master and his Grand Lodge Officers.

The evening session was formally opened by the Officers of St. John's Lodge, Vegreville. Following my reception in form, it was my honor and pleasure to receive the M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, and after their introduction by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. W. Fraser and Grand Honors being given, to extend to them on behalf of District No. 10, a hearty welcome.

The business of the meeting then proceeded.

The Minutes of the 1947 meeting were read and adopted.

Excellent reports were given by the Worshipful Master, or proxy, for each District Lodge with the exception of two. Kilwinning Lodge was represented without Proxy and Waskatenau Lodge was not represented. The M. W. the Grand Master commented on these reports. Wor. Bro. L. Lister of Dominion Lodge No. 117 was unanimously elected as my successor as D.D.G.M. for the year 1949-50, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

The next District Meeting will be held in the Masonic Temple in Edmonton as guests of Dominion Lodge No. 117.

M. W. Bro. Dr. Henry presented I.P.D.D.G.M. E. J. Paulsen with his Grand Lodge regalia, on behalf of the Lodges of District No. 10. Rt. Wor. Bro. Paulsen thanked the District and expressed his appreciation for the support he had received during his term of office.

The M. W. the Grand Master addressed the meeting with a very inspiring message which was greatly appreciated by the Brethren.

Before the meeting was closed, Rt. Wor. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler, a loved and valued member of Hope Lodge, Manville, and a Mason for 55 years, was introduced and made a few brief remarks.

The meeting closed formally and in harmony.

LODGE VISITATIONS

Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.—My last official visit was made to Acacia Lodge on January 13th, 1949. An attendance of over 140 members and visitors made this the largest meeting of my official visits. The newly installed officers were in the chairs for the first time and conducted themselves like veterans. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. S. Sheppard and very graciously welcomed by the W. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheppard brought to my attention a very unusual circumstance. The W.M. Wor. Bro. Ken McTavish, the I.P.M. Wor. Bro. Louis Langford, his predecessor Wor. Bro. K. Stewart, the Sr. Warden Bro. Harold Turnbull and myself as D.D.G.M. had all been pupils of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheppard while attending Strathcona High School. A very heavy agenda of work was carried out with efficiency and dispatch. Balloting, examination of candidates in the Third Degree, pre-

sentation of Aprons and Conferring the First Degree were conducted without waste of time and yet in a very impressive and efficient manner. The Work showed careful planning and that "practice makes perfect". I had the honor of presenting, at your request, to Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. McCool, the warrant of his appointment to the Grand Lodge of Chili. Rt. Wor. Bro. McCool, in expressing his appreciation for the honor conferred on him, paid tribute to the late Rt. Wor. Bro. A. E. Ottewell who had preceded him as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Chili. Wor. Bro. Lilley is a most efficient Secretary and special mention should be made of the fine Historical Register, which is the pride of Rt. Wor. Bro. C. G. Flavin. A Committee was appointed at this meeting to obtain estimates and all information pertaining to the erection of a new Temple.

Victoria Lodge No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan.—I visited Victoria Lodge at Fort Saskatchewan, officially, on Tuesday, September 14th, at which meeting the attendance was good. A number of Brethren from Dominion Lodge, Edmonton, were visitors, including Wor. Bro. Lister, D.D.G.M.-elect. I was received very kindly and with full honors. There was no Degree Work but two petitions were balloted for and the business of the evening was conducted in an efficient manner. The Historical Register has been brought up-to-date and the books and records are in good condition. I urged the Lodge to make better use of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion.—My official visit to Vermilion Lodge on Tuesday, October 5th, was a pleasant one, as I am personally acquainted with many of its members. A heavy rain that day cut down the attendance as roads were muddy. The books and records are neatly and well kept by V. W. Bro. Payne and the Lodge is in a splendid financial position. The business of the Lodge was well conducted and the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred in an impressive manner on three candidates. I also had the pleasure of attending, at a later date, a Father and Son Banquet held by the Lodge, which proved a great success.

St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville.—I had the pleasure of making my official visit to St. John's Lodge on Monday, November 1st, and as usual I was warmly welcomed. The Officers of this Lodge are very capable and efficient. The Work is conducted in the York Rite and the Lodge enjoys a tradition of fine Degree Work which is maintained. The First Degree was exemplified in a very able and impressive manner. The finances, books and records are in splendid shape. The data for a new Historical Register has been painstakingly gathered by Wor. Bro. Hardin and will soon be compiled. The original Historical Register was destroyed by fire some years ago. St. John's Lodge sets a fine example to other Lodges in the matter of Masonic education and as regards inter-Lodge visitations. A prepared program of monthly visits to one or more sister Lodges is worthy of emulation by every Lodge. At an unofficial visit at a later date, I saw the Third Degree conferred very beautifully and impressively. A remarkable painting for use in the Third Degree, suitably framed and lighted, correct in detail and historically authentic, was presented to the Lodge on this occasion by Bro. R. Hicks, all the work being done by himself. It was dedicated to the memory of Bro. R. H. Phelps, who had originated the idea of the painting. Much credit is due Bro. Hicks for his work.

Hope Lodge No. 38, Mannville.—I visited my Mother Lodge officially on December 6th, at our regular meeting. I am very proud of Hope Lodge and it was an honor for me to represent the M. W. the Grand Master as his District Deputy on this occasion. Hope Lodge celebrated its 40th Anniversary during 1948 with a Church Service, banquet and Special Emergent Meeting. For the second time during those 40 years a District Deputy has been chosen from its members. Very fine material has been taken into the Lodge recently and much interest is being shown in Masonic Education. The Officers are proficient in their work and while there was no Degree Work at this meeting the First Degree was very well exemplified at a subsequent meeting. The Lodge owns its own Hall on which much improving was done during 1948.

Empire Lodge No. 63, Edmonton.—My official visit to Empire Lodge was scheduled for November 15th, 1948, but owing to the notice which I sent the Lodge not being received, my visit was postponed until January 17th, 1949. As a result of this Wor. Bro. Head and his Officers did not have an official visit from a D.D.G.M. during their term of office. I regret this very much, but it was unavoidable. My visit, with Wor. Bro. Tom Jones in the chair of King Solomon, was very pleasant. There was no Degree Work, but the business of the evening was capably and expeditiously carried out. The Secretary takes great pride in his work and the books and records are beautifully kept and in order and the Historical Register is a credit to the Lodge.

Norwood Lodge No. 90, Edmonton.—On Tuesday, January 4th, I visited Norwood Lodge officially. Owing to this date being so close to the New Year holiday the attendance was not as large as usual. I was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Crooks, Rt. Wor. Bro. K. C. McLeod, V. Wor. Bro. Shaw and several other Brethren from Hope Lodge. I was very pleased to also be supported by the Grand Junior Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. Empey. The Wor. Master of Norwood Lodge is a very close friend, which made my visit a particularly happy occasion for me. Norwood Lodge is one of the finest Lodges in District No. 10 and is alert and progressive. The business of the Lodge was dispatched with precision, and while there was no Degree Work the order of balloting was well done. The finances of Norwood Lodge are excellent with substantial liquid assets. V. Wor. Bro. Bradley is a very capable Secretary and the books are well kept. I had the pleasure of attending this Lodge in June, 1948, when Wor. Bro. Sanders was installed as Wor. Master by Rt. Wor. Bro. Paulsen. A Spoke's Club under the enthusiastic leadership of Bro. R. L. Barson has been formed.

Lamont Lodge No. 94, Lamont.—On Monday, October 11th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. MacKinnon of Hope Lodge, I made my official visit to Lamont Lodge. This was a very pleasant occasion for me as many of the members of Lamont Lodge are old friends of mine and I enjoyed renewing old acquaintances. I regretted that owing to an indisposition, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. E. Harrison was unable to attend. The First Degree was conferred in a creditable manner and the business of the Lodge was conducted quite efficiently. The Historical Register has been brought up-to-date and the books and records are well looked after in the capable hands of Wor. Bro. Bennett.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Innisfree.—This Lodge was visited offi-

cially on Monday, October 18th. A number of the Brethren from Hope Lodge accompanied me and the Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Hardin, and several Brethren from St. John's Lodge, Vegreville, including Rt. Wor. Bro. Hacker, attended. Kilwinning Lodge has the smallest membership in the District with 15 resident members. The present Officers are endeavoring to carry on under this handicap, but lack nothing in good fellowship and spirit. The opening and closing and business of the Lodge was very capably conducted and Bro. Richards has the books and records in first-class shape. An enjoyable Refreshment Hour followed the meeting.

Dominion Lodge No. 117, Edmonton.—I made my official visit to Dominion Lodge on Wednesday, November 10th, when my reception was friendly and courteous. Dominion Lodge suffered grievously in the loss of their Worshipful Master who was called to the Grand Lodge above in January, 1949. Wor. Bro. Anderson was installed into office on December 22nd, 1948, and passed away one month later without having an opportunity of conducting a meeting. The sympathy of District No. 10 goes out to Dominion Lodge as well as the family of Wor. Bro. Anderson. On the occasion of my visit Wor. Bro. Bruyer was Master and there was a good attendance of members and visitors. The work of the Lodge was conducted with dispatch and in an efficient manner. Several petitions were balloted on. I regret that owing to an illness I was unable to attend this Lodge's "City Police Night", at which the Grand Master was present. Dominion Lodge, as is the case with other City Lodges, is enjoying a period of great activity and prosperity. The Spoke's Club under the leadership of Wor. Bro. W. D. Phillips is proving of real value to the younger members of the Lodge. The D.D.G.M.-elect is a member of this Lodge.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131, Kitscoty.—My visit to Kitscoty Lodge in my official capacity was made on Monday, December 13th. In spite of a very cold night a splendid turn-out of members welcomed me with customary honors. I was introduced by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. O. Seward, P.D.D.G.M. Many of the Brethren attend this Lodge from considerable distance and should be commended for the active interest they take in its affairs. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred in a capable manner and I am sure made a favorable impression on the candidate. Kitscoty Lodge is in good financial condition and the books and records are well kept and up-to-date.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145, St. Paul.—Accompanied by the District Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Crooks, and Bro. McCauley, my official visit to St. Alban's Lodge was made on Saturday, September 25th, at a well attended meeting. This Lodge after many difficult and lean years is experiencing a period of real prosperity. The membership is increasing and very fine material is being received. A handicap for the Lodge is the distance which many Officers and members have to travel, as at times road conditions prevent holding of meetings. The W. M. and his Officers conferred the Second Degree of the York Rite on three candidates in a very impressive and efficient manner. The business of the Lodge was also quite capably conducted. The books and records are well kept with the exception of the Historical Register. An audit of the books had not been made, but I received the assurance of the Secretary and Worshipful Master that this would be attended to. A very pleasant Social Hour was held following the meeting.

Waskatenau No. 154, Waskatenau. — My first official visit as D.D.G.M. was made to Waskatenau Lodge on September 1st, and I received a very cordial welcome. A number from Hope Lodge and Wor. Bro. Lunn of Minburn, brother of the Master, accompanied me. This is the youngest Lodge in the District with 14 resident members out of a membership of 28. Seventeen members were present, which means that three non-resident members also attended. The average attendance of 12 is remarkable. The Officers were in the chairs for the first time following their Installation, and while some of them had been unable to practice with the others, the work was conducted very well. The books and records are well kept, but the Historical Register requires to be brought up-to-date.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation to the Brethren of District No. 10 for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. I would also like to mention the debt of gratitude I owe to Rt. Wor. Bro. Norman Crooks, who so efficiently acted as District Secretary, for his support and invaluable aid. To Rt. Wor. Bro. K. C. McLeod and the other members of my Lodge who accompanied me on my visits, I am indeed grateful. To Wor. Bro. Hardin and the members of St. John's Lodge, who so ably and generously made the preparations for the District Meeting and whose hospitality knows no bounds, my heartfelt thanks. Thanks also are due my predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Paulsen, for his assistance. To my successor, Wor. Bro. Lister, I wish the same loyal support and co-operation which I received.

Finally, M. W. Sir, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your District Deputy. The experience and enjoyment which I have gained will remain with me always. Your kindness and tolerance and that of M. W. Bro. Moore have made this possible.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. G. TORRANCE, D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Vulcan, Alberta. April 29th, 1949.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as your Deputy for District No. 11 on the condition and activities of Masonry in this District for the year just ended.

Lodges in our District are in a strong financial position. With the improved financial standing of our members generally, arrears of dues owing at the end of the year are low. An even better record could be attained with a little more attention on the part of Lodge officials. Each Lodge has a comfortable cash balance with little or no liabilities. The total membership of the District was 367 at December 31st, 1948, a net gain of 14 over last year. Twenty-one new members have been received into Masonry, and there were four deaths during the year.

It was my pleasure to visit each Lodge in the District once, and in some cases twice.

A joint installation of the officers of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, Pyramid Lodge No. 108 and Cressett Lodge No. 136 was held at Lomond on St. John's night, June 24th. It was my privilege to instal the officers of these three Canadian Rite Lodges assisted by R. W. Bro. Norris Hanna. While I do not as a rule agree with the idea of joint installations, this meeting proved to be an inspiring meeting for the Brethren at Lomond, who need the help and support of the Brethren of the District.

Granite Lodge No. 127.—I made my first official visit to this Lodge on November 3rd. The Brethren at Blackie have been fairly active, having initiated four new members. On the night of my visit the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by the officers of the Lodge in a very creditable manner. Granite Lodge members own their own hall and have comfortable quarters. A good spirit prevails among the Brethren. The officers are taken from the younger members, and they are doing a fine job. I again visited this Lodge at their January meeting at which time it was my pleasure to instal their new officers.

Robert Burns Lodge No. 49.—My official visit to this Lodge was on November 13th, at which time the Master Mason's Degree was conferred. Roberts Burns is the oldest Lodge in this District and works in the Canadian Rite. A number of the younger Brethren from Vulcan accompanied me, and were impressed with the Canadian work. Robert Burns, while a comparatively small Lodge in numbers, is a strong Masonic force in this District. The Lodge owns its building, which is nicely furnished and provides a homey atmosphere for its meetings. I was impressed with the fine manner the Degree Work was conducted, and the interest and activity of the older members, who give such splendid leadership in the work. The business of the Lodge is conducted in an efficient and thorough manner.

Vulcan Lodge No. 74.—I visited my own Lodge officially on December 7th, at which a fairly large attendance was present. We had a busy night with the Master Mason's Degree. Vulcan Lodge has the largest membership in the District and has the material to confer the Degrees in the York Rite. The officers of the Lodge are keenly interested in the work, and do a fine job. Vulcan's Annual Game Supper, which has become an outstanding event during the past few years, was held this year on the November regular meeting night. Many visiting Brethren from the surrounding Lodges were present. After a very fine banquet, at which the main course was wild duck, Lodge was opened and the Fellowcraft Degree conferred along with the ordinary business of the meeting. It was also my very pleasant duty to instal our new officers at the January meeting.

Pyramid Lodge No. 108.—On December 21st I visited with the Brethren at Lomond. Pyramid Lodge is a small Lodge of 38 members, 18 of which are non-resident. The Brethren own their building, and are interested in keeping the Lodge active. Officers are, for the most part, younger men and younger Masons. It requires the best efforts of the senior Brethren to give leadership and guidance in the work and business of the Lodge. No work was exemplified on my visit, and the meeting was very small. Yet a very fine spirit prevails among these Brethren, who are imbued with the true Masonic spirit, and it is generally the case that the smaller Lodges accomplish a great deal for themselves.

Champion Lodge No. 84.—It is always a pleasure for me to visit with the Brethren at Champion, and I was pleased to pay them an official visit on December 14th. Champion is progressing Masonically and have taken in eight fine new members. The Brethren are busy, not only with their Lodge work, but also with providing themselves with a new hall. The Lodge purchased a school building and moved it from the rural part of the District to town and are fixing it up for a Lodge room. The officers are enthusiastic in their work. It is evident that this Lodge has accomplished a great deal during the past two or three years. I again visited Champion on January 14th, when it was my pleasure to instal their new officers.

Cresset Lodge No. 136.—I visited this lodge on March 1st this year. Arrangements for an earlier visit were cancelled owing to severe weather. A good attendance of the brethren was present at this meeting when the Master Mason's degree was conferred. The general spirit of the meeting was good. The officers have a good knowledge of their work and are efficient in handling the affairs of the lodge. An interesting and enjoyable refreshment period followed the meeting.

Nobleford Lodge No. 111.—After having to cancel arrangements on two occasions due to severe weather, I visited Nobleford on March 8th this year. Nobleford is the smallest lodge of the District with 32 members, 15 of which are non-resident. We had a fine meeting and a good attendance. A number of brethren from lodges in District No. 7 adjacent to Lethbridge visited, and I had the pleasure of renewing old acquaintances. As is the case with Pyramid Lodge at Lomond, Nobleford is continuing its Masonic work with a very few members. Here again I found that true Masonic feeling and affection prevails among them.

The District Meeting was held in Vulcan on August 10th, 1948, at which time we were pleased to welcome you, Most Worshipful Sir, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary. The meeting was preceded by a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Although the attendance was small, a fairly representative attendance from the District was present. It was disappointing to me that the attendance was no larger in view of the very fine address and leadership which was given by yourself, and M.W. Bro. Moore. Official reports of the various lodges were given, and a report by Rt. Wor. Bro. Guy Voisey, P.D.D.G.M., on the work of the previous year. Wor. Bro. Russell D. Robbie of Vulcan Lodge No. 74 was elected District Deputy for the ensuing year. A very fine paper on "The New Mason — His Education and Employment" was given by Wor. Bro. A. J. Maisey of Vulcan Lodge.

I feel that the District meetings should be better attended. I believe that this could be brought about by a little more effort on the part of the Masters of the various lodges who should see to it that the younger Masons especially attend. More publicity should be given and more enthusiasm put forth. The District meeting is the most important Masonic event of the year where all of us gain inspiration and more light and knowledge in Masonry.

I wish to specially thank Wor. Bro. Russell Robbie, the District Deputy elect. for his kindness in donating his car and driving me on my visits. Also the brethren of my own lodge for their support

throughout the year. Also to Wor. Bro. A. J. Maisey who so capably filled the office of District Secretary for the term.

I was very much impressed with the very fine spirit in which I was received on my visits, and am deeply grateful to all the brethren of the District for the courtesies extended to me and the co-operation of all the lodge officers. To the Secretaries of the lodges for their reports.

During my visits I tried to stress what I believe to be one of the great tenets of the Craft. That as Masons we ourselves are builders—not of material edifices—but of temples more glorious, our own temples of Character, founded upon Truth, Honor and Justice, and built by our own efforts with the aid and application of the teachings of our Masonic tools — the “Working” tools with which we practice day by day the science of the Craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

D. D. McQUEEN,
D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Whitecourt, Alberta, April 15th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to submit my report, as District Deputy Grand Master, of District No. 12 G.R.A. for the year 1948-1949.

The annual district meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Edmonton, on Saturday, October 16th, R. Wor. Brother Govenlock in charge. We were honored by the presence of Most Wor. Brother W. A. Henry, our Grand Master and Most Wor. Bro. Geo. Moore, Grand Secretary. In the afternoon the brethren gathered in the library for a round table discussion, and to listen to a paper prepared by Bro. Johnson of Gateway Lodge U.D. This closed at 5 p.m. The brethren gathered in the banquet room at 6:30 to enjoy the annual dinner of District No. 12.

The District Meeting proper opened at 8 p.m. By my request, our baby lodge, Gateway U.D., with Harris Hughes, Wor. Master in King Solomon chair, opened lodge, and received the District Deputy Grand Master. Upon assuming the gavel, I immediately received Most Worshipful Brother W. A. Henry, Grand Master, and accompanying Grand Lodge officers. M. Wor. Bro. Henry, Grand Master, was ably introduced by R. Wor. Brother Ed. Briggs, our Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 12.

The meeting was then ready for business. V. Wor. Bro. H. C. Merrifield, District Secretary, read minutes, and statements of last District Meeting, which were accepted as read.

Next came the reports of the different Lodges by the Wor. Master of each Lodge. Then R. Wor. Bro. Briggs gave his report of the District for the year. Brother Briggs gave a very good report, and he shows a keen interest. On the conclusion of Brother Briggs' report, he was presented with regalia by Most Wor. Bro. Henry on behalf of District No. 12 in recognition of his service to District No. 12, and Masonry as a whole.

The result of the election for next District Deputy resulted in the election of Wor. Bro. H. W. Taylor, Past Master of Patricia Lodge, to be District Deputy for 1949-50, subject to approval of incoming Grand Master. Congratulations go out to Wor. Bro. Taylor and we wish him a successful year.

Most Wor. Bro. Henry, Grand Master, then gave us a very interesting and inspiring address on Masonry. District Meeting to be held in Edmonton, date to be set. Meeting closed at 10 p.m., harmony prevailing.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Westlock Lodge No. 114, August 10th.—To inspect new Lodge room in new memorial hall. Received by W. Bro. H. Little and Brethren. They have nice quarters, seem efficient in their work. Books well kept.

Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71, August 11th. — I received a hearty welcome from Wor. Brother T. Will, the Master and members. Books well kept; a few non-resident members in arrears; suggested they cut the dues to these members and get them cleared up. They had a candidate for the Second Degree. I found the candidate well prepared, and the work, to me, was well done and very interesting. I was sorry R. Wor. Bro. Jack was absent—I missed his moral support.

Mayerthorpe Lodge No. 149, September 6th.—I am well acquainted with this Lodge, as we visit each other quite often. Wor. Bro. Neil McDermid, Master. Books well kept. They had a Second Degree on. The work was well done; the officers and brethren taking part are to be congratulated. Had rain while here—took me three and a half hours to make the thirty miles home.

First Monday in October, I visited **Pembina Lodge No. 126.**—I was accompanied by V. Wor. Bro. H. C. Merrifield and Wor. Bro. Clyde Ferro of my own Lodge. V. Wor. Bro. Conrad was sick, but Wor. Bro. Philip Keeley was acting Master, ably assisted by his officers. Books well kept; officers efficient; attendance was poor.

Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, February 10th.—Official visit, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ed. Briggs and M. W. Bro. M. A. McIntyre, R. W. Bro. McIntyre, an old friend, introduced me to W. Bro. E. Gregor, the Master, and his officers and members. It was with regret that I heard of the passing away of R. W. Bro. Fred Burton, a Past Master of Saskatchewan and a P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 12. He was a real Mason.

Strathcona Lodge No. 77, February 11th.—I again had the pleasure of having R. W. Bro. M. McIntyre accompany me. R. W. Bro. John

Paterson introduced me. - I received a cordial welcome by W. Bro. Johnson and his members.

Gateway Lodge U.D., February 12th.—This Lodge, under the able guidance of Wor. Bro. Harris Hughes, and his very efficient officers, is making a good showing. R. W. Bro. Briggs has given a lot of his time, and they certainly appreciate it. A lot of the members are from my own Lodge, so I felt right at home.

Jasper Lodge No. 14, February 14th.—I had R. W. Bro. Briggs and R. W. Bro. Leonard Stevens for company. Introduced by R. W. Bro. Harry Fowler, Wor. Bro. T. A. Crocket gave me a cordial welcome on behalf of the Lodge.

Unity Lodge, No. —, February 15th.—Had the pleasure of taking in "Mounted Police" night. M. W. Brother W. Henry, Grand Master, was present. A very good and efficient piece of Degree Work, as well as colorful.

West Edmonton Lodge No. 101, February 16th.—This is Ed. Briggs' home Lodge, and I was introduced by him to Wor. Bro. R. T. Martins and members. They had a Second Degree—it was well and efficiently done.

Ivanhoe No. 142, February 17th.—Introduced by R. W. Bro. Charles Garnet, made welcome by Wor. Bro. Claude Finlay. R. W. Bro. Jos. Madill secretary—needless to say the books were well kept. A fine, friendly gathering of Masons.

Patricia Lodge No. 91, February 18th.—Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dave Penman and R. W. Bro. Ed. Beckwith. Made welcome by W. Bro. James Ogilvie. This Lodge has been "Godmother" to my own Lodge in our early days—they made a lot of useful gifts, which were really appreciated.

On April 6th, on my behalf and at my request, R. W. Bro. Ed. Beckwith, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Dave Penman and Wor. Bro. H. Taylor, D.D.G.M.-elect, visited Onoway Lodge No. 138 to inspect the books and Lodge, as well to interview the Master and Secretary. Onoway has been slow in getting their returns to Grand Lodge. I am glad to note they assured R. Wor. Brother Beckwith that it would be looked after and would not occur again. I just mention this case as a warning to all Lodges, as they don't realize the position of the Grand Secretary, who needs these reports to compile for Grand Lodge in June. It leaves the D.D.G.M. in the same position.

My own Lodge, Whitecourt No. 153. I attend here practically every meeting.

I found in all the Lodges I personally visited that the officers were efficient, the books well kept. In a few cases some arrears, but not too serious, mostly non-resident. In the country Lodges I found attendance better, for the number of members. The attendance in the city is not so good, for the members on the roll. In all Lodges a lot of new members and applications for initiation. A lot of Degrees being conferred. But there seems something lacking that we don't keep their interest. A candidate takes enough interest to put in his

application and obtains his three Degrees, then in some cases we hardly ever see him again. It might be we are getting quantity and not enough quality.

My thanks to Wor. Bro. Johnson and R. W. Bro. E. Briggs for their help at District Meeting and other occasions. I also appreciate the work of V. W. Bro. H. C. Merrifield, the District Secretary; it meant a lot of extra work for him.

My best wishes to Wor. Bro. H. Taylor of Patricia Lodge, D.D.G.M.-elect. I hope he has a good year and enjoys it as much as I did. I owe a lot to M. W. Bro. George Moore for his timely advice and help at all times. He is also the friend of every Lodge Secretary who avails himself of his help.

I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that it has been a pleasure to have served as your District Deputy, and will long be remembered by me.

Yours fraternally,

J. S. GOVENLOCK,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Fairview, Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on Masonic District No. 13 for the year 1948-49.

The District Meeting was held in Fairview on Wednesday, July 14th, 1948, at which we were fortunate to have you, M. W. Sir, and M. W. Bro. George Moore present. The attendance was very fair, about 100 being present and every Lodge in the District was represented. Interesting papers were read by R. W. Bro. T. A. Norris and R. W. Bro. L. R. Gamey, and discussion followed on a number of matters of interest to the Craft. W. Bro. C. W. Campsall, of Peace River Lodge No. 89, was elected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year. The meeting ended with your instructive address, which will be long remembered by the Brethren present. It was arranged that the District Meeting for 1949 would be held at Peace River where the incoming D.D.G.M. resides.

I made an official visit at each of the Lodges in the District, commencing at Spirit River Lodge No. 116, on September 20th, 1948. This Lodge owns a fine building, is in good financial condition, and their work is beyond reproach.

On September 30th, 1948, I had the pleasure of visiting Hythe Lodge No. 156. This was an outstanding meeting; the records were in excellent condition and a Third Degree was conferred in a manner that showed that all Officers were keenly alive to their duties. I had

the pleasure of presenting P.M. aprons to two Past Masters, W. Bros. H. T. Patterson and W. V. Harcourt.

On October 5th, 1948, I made an official visit to Sexsmith Lodge No. 160. A number of petitions were balloted on that evening and a most harmonious atmosphere prevailed.

I made an official visit to Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, at Wembley, on October 7th, 1948. There was no Degree Work, but an informal discussion was carried on. It was a great pleasure to renew acquaintance with old Masonic friends in the persons of R. W. Bro. W. Grant and R. W. Bro. F. Crummy.

I had the pleasure of visiting Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105, on October 14th, 1948. This Lodge, while meeting in the Hall they have owned for many years, have under consideration plans for new premises and the resources to carry them out. This is a fine Lodge with capable officers and excellent prospects for the future.

I visited Peace River Lodge No. 89 on November 14th, 1948. This Lodge is comfortably installed in their new building which provides ample and comfortable accommodation for their membership. Four candidates were initiated that evening, there was a large attendance and the work was put on in a most creditable manner. It also gives one great pleasure to find R. W. Bro. T. A. Norris carrying on after 34 years of continuous service.

Northland Lodge No. 147, my home Lodge, received an official visit on December 14th, 1948. This Lodge is in a satisfactory condition and the brethren were good enough to make especial plans for an enjoyable evening.

I have to offer an apology to High Prairie Lodge No. 88 for failing to appear at the designated meeting in December but was able to rectify this by attending their regular meeting on April 14th, 1949. The lease on the premises formerly occupied by them terminated at the commencement of the year and they moved to other premises which I inspected and approved. They are working on plans to erect their own building and I wish them every success in their endeavors.

In District No. 13 the condition of the Craft is all that could be desired. Membership is on the increase and I am satisfied with the quality of the candidates I have seen. Six of the eight Lodges own their own buildings and the remaining two have plans under way. The financial condition is sound throughout. There are, however, more members in arrears with their dues than I care to see in these prosperous times. Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 maintain their old record of no members in arrears.

The difficulties I have encountered in building up the statistical information that accompanies this report convince me that there could be a simplification of the forms in use today. I wish to make a strong recommendation that something be done along these lines.

I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 13 for the honor of serving them and for all the courtesies and help I received from every source.

Fraternally submitted,

GORDON HULL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Youngstown, Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present for your consideration my report on Masonry in District No. 14, during my term of office as your representative for the year 1948-49.

Generally speaking the work is fair in all Lodges, but there is room for improvement. Attendances were good and all brethren appear to be interested in the work.

My visits were as follows:

Empress Lodge No. 161.—Accompanied by four members of Acadia Lodge, I made my official visit on August 26th. An Entered Apprentice degree was conferred, and the Master, W. Bro. Glenn Russell, and his officers are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they exemplified the work, more especially as this is a young Lodge.

W. Bro. McNeil had installed a ventilating system for the evening, and as it proved a success, it has been installed permanently. As the harvest had begun I looked for a small attendance, but there were 27 present, making it a very interesting meeting.

Hanna Lodge No. 78.—I visited this Lodge on September 6th, and, as this is the oldest and largest Lodge in this district, there was a good attendance. There was no degree work, but both the opening and closing were well done by W. Bro. McCrear and his officers. The business of the Lodge was done in an exemplary manner. As Hanna Lodge has a number of Past Masters, I am sure that the Torch of Masonry will be kept alive in Hanna.

Acadia Lodge No. 82.—This is my home Lodge, and I made my official visit on September 14th, being the first meeting after the installation of officers for the year 1948-49. There was no degree work and so business was disposed of and Lodge closed. A lunch was served and at this time there were some good talks on Freemasonry in general.

Berry Creek No. 158.—I made my official visit to this Lodge on September 22nd and here also the officers were taking their positions for the first time. The E. A. degree was conferred, mostly by Past Masters, and was done in a most capable manner.

District Meeting.—This was held in the Masonic Hall, Hanna, on Tuesday, September 28th. The afternoon session took the form of an open forum. W. Bro. D. McEachern, of Empress Lodge, prepared a paper on the Product of Freemasonry or the aim of a Freemason Lodge. Owing to illness, W. Bro. McEachern was unable to attend and his paper was read by W. Bro. Russell of Empress Lodge. R. W. Bro. I. D. Barton, Acadia Lodge, also gave a paper on "The New Mason, His Education and Employment." Both papers were well received and great credit is due these two P.M.'s for their splendid papers. At

6:30 some 125 members of the Lodges of District 14 sat down to a banquet in the Legion Hall.

At 8:00 p.m., the officers of the Hanna Lodge No. 78 opened Lodge and the D.D.G.M. was received. Accepting the gavel, the D.D.G.M. then received Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald and M. W. Bro. George Moore, Grand Secretary. R. W. Bro. Macdonald assumed the gavel and invited M. W. Bro. George Moore to the East. The gavel was then returned to the D.D.G.M., who was asked to continue the work of the evening.

I.P.D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. E. Nelson then gave a report on Masonry in District No. 14, followed by reports of the Masters of all lodges in the district. W. Bro. Hugh Forster, of Berry Creek Lodge No. 158, was then elected as D.D.G.M. for the year 1949-50, subject to the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master. On invitation from Acadia Lodge No. 82 it was decided that the next district meeting would take place in Youngstown.

R. W. Bro. Macdonald then gave an inspiring address, followed by M. W. Bro. George Moore. Both of these addresses were educational and full of Masonic principles and were much appreciated by the younger brethren.

Crocus Lodge No. 115.—Along with a few brethren of Acadia Lodge, I visited this lodge on October 26th. There was no degree work but I found that W. Bro. Halpenny and his officers were well grounded in their work and that the harmony of the lodge was excellent. W. Bro. Cottrell, a Mason for more than sixty years, gave a short address and stressed the lessons of the ritual.

Hand Hills No. 98.—I visited this lodge November 10th, and met some 37 brethren. Good fellowship and harmony were the keynotes of this lodge, and here, as at all the other lodges, there was a real Masonic spirit. Three brethren received their final examinations this evening.

Oyen Lodge No. 104.—Twelve members of Acadia Lodge accompanied me on this visit. Four candidates were raised, and this being the only York Rite Lodge in the district the exemplification of the work was most interesting to all. The officers of this lodge certainly deserve credit for the way they put on the work. There were 54 brethren present, making it quite a successful evening.

Craigmyle Lodge No. 132.—This lodge was visited on December 14th, at which time I invested I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Ed Nelson with his regalia. The election of officers followed. At this meeting a school was purchased for a lodge hall, also a lot for placement of same. A second degree was conferred and here again the work of the officers was excellent. It was a busy evening but one of interest to the 27 brethren present.

In summing up, I find that all lodges are in a good condition financially, the books well kept, but the historical ledger seems to be neglected in most cases. A good Masonic atmosphere prevails in all lodges, work is being done efficiently and the calibre of the new brethren appears to be excellent.

In concluding, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 14 for electing me to this honored position, all the masters for their many courtesies, and also to my senior and junior wardens of 28 years ago, who accompanied me on nearly all my visits. My thanks to W. Bro. D. F. van Blarcom for acting as district secretary in a very able manner. Finally, to my successor, W. Bro. Hugh Forster, I wish him good luck and trust that he will receive the same courtesies that were extended to me.

Fraternally yours,

T. J. McKEAGE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Bashaw, Alberta, April 28th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith, for your consideration and approval, my report on the condition of Masonry in the 15th Masonic District for the year 1948-49.

The annual meeting of the district was held in the Masonic Hall, Bashaw, on August 6th, 1948. Every lodge in the district was represented and a very enthusiastic and instructive meeting was held. The brethren were particularly pleased, Most Worshipful Sir, that you and Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother George Moore, were able to be present, as well as Most Worshipful Brother Botterill, Right Worshipful Brother Roy Bond and many other Past Grand Lodge officers.

In the afternoon the meeting was more or less in the form of an open forum. Many questions regarding Masonry were asked and were ably answered by yourself or the Grand Secretary. Two papers on the following subjects were presented: (1) The New Mason, His Education and Employment; (2) The Product of Masonry or the Aim of Masonic Lodges. The former was presented by R. W. Bro. James A. Marshall, M.P., and the latter by Rev. Bro. Stevenson. Both papers gave evidence of deep study and thought in their preparation and were eloquently presented. Both papers, I am sure, made a lasting impression on the minds of all who heard them.

The afternoon meeting was closed at 4:30 p.m. and the brethren spent a social time until 6 p.m., when a delightful banquet was served by the ladies of Trinity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

The District Meeting proper was opened at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved. Reports were received from every lodge in the district which showed that Masonry was in a strong and healthy condition throughout the district.

W. Bro. Mathers, of Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1949-50, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and Three Hills was selected as the next meeting place of District No. 15.

Short addresses were given by M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, M. W. Bro. Botterill, R. W. Bro. Roy Bond, and then your very practical and inspiring address, after which the meeting closed.

I wish here to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of Fidelity Lodge for their generous help and loyal support in arranging for the District Meeting.

I have made an official visit to each lodge in the district and have found Masonry in a flourishing condition. All the lodges are strong and active. New members of high character and ability are being admitted. Young Masons are being elected to high office in the lodges and are taking a keen interest in getting up the degree work and the ancient landmarks are being faithfully preserved.

Following is a report of my visits to the lodges:

Acme Lodge No. 60.—I made an official visit to Acme Lodge No. 60 on Thursday, Sept. 16th. Due to the busy season of the farmers, the attendance was not large. There was no degree work. The hall is owned by the lodge and is very comfortable and well kept. The heating arrangement had been overhauled and improved during the summer. The books and records are neatly and well kept. All the officers are capable and efficient and may be justly proud of their progressive lodge.

Irricana Lodge No. 137.—My official visit to Irricana Lodge No. 137 was made on Sept 21st. This fine lodge is the home of our Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Roy Bond, and I was very kindly and courteously received. There was quite a good attendance considering the busy season. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the officers. The hall is owned by the lodge and is neatly and well kept. The regular secretary, due to illness, was not present, but I was reliably informed the books and records are in fine shape.

Fidelity No. 76.—I made an official visit to my home lodge, Fidelity No. 76, on Oct. 12th, and was very kindly received. The brethren gave me a hearty welcome. I am pleased to report that Fidelity No. 76 continues to flourish. Young members are coming in and are taking an interest in the work. The books and records of the lodge are in the capable hands of R. W. Bro. Harry Ford, secretary of the lodge.

Cyprus Lodge No. 113.—My official visit to Cyprus Lodge No. 113 was made on Wednesday, October 20th. The warmth and friendliness of my reception I shall long remember. The lodge does not own its hall but meets in a comfortable lodge room on the second floor of a store building. They are preparing to build their own hall. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by the officers. The books and records are well kept by R. W. Bro. Wm. Harte.

St. Andrews Lodge No. 66.—On October 14, 1948, I made an official visit to St. Andrews Lodge No. 66, Trochu. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. The beautiful hall, owned by the lodge, was well filled. The brethren of St. Andrews had prepared an excellent dinner and at 6:30 p.m. all sat down and enjoyed it to the full. After

dinner a social hour was spent before the opening of the lodge. The Fellow Craft degree was conferred upon three candidates, in a very efficient manner, by the officers. The books and records are well kept.

Ancient Landmark No. 163.—On November 4th I paid an official visit to Ancient Landmark No. 163. I found this lodge, recently rededicated, is doing a splendid work. They are receiving many new members of high character, the officers are proficient in their work and are seriously trying to promote the principles of the craft. The lodge meets in a comfortable and suitable lodge room which they rent. The books and records are in very good shape.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne.—I made an official visit to Cavell Lodge No. 125 on November 15th. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. A very cordial welcome was extended to me by W. Bro. Blades. I found this lodge in a very prosperous condition. They do not own a Masonic hall as yet but are able to rent a very comfortable hall. The books and records are well kept. A feature of this meeting was an address by past D.D.G.M. the R. W. Bro. James A. Marshall, M.P.

A very interesting Masonic event in our district during the year was the special meeting of Grand Lodge, held at Mirror on October 1st for the purpose of Instituting and Consecrating Ancient Landmark Lodge. The following officers were in the chairs: M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, acting Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. R. Hume, acting D.D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. John S. Hodson, acting Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Bro. W. J. Whelen, Chaplain; R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding, Grand Tyler; M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, secretary and master of ceremonies. Other distinguished brethren present were R. W. Bro. J. A. Marshall, M.P., R. W. Bro. W. Brady, R. W. Bro. Dave Patterson, R. W. Bro. J. C. Smith, R. W. Bro. W. J. Kirby, R. W. Bro. J. D. Murdock, R. W. Bro. H. Ford, R. W. Bro. L. Poxon, R. W. Bro. D. D. McQueen, R. W. Bro. T. Jackson, V. W. Bro. Perry Pratt. Many other well known past masters and brethren were present.

The beautiful and sublime ceremony of Institution and Consecration was performed with great dignity and solemnity. Much credit is due our Grand Secretary for the capable manner in which the ceremony was performed. The Installation ceremony was ably performed by R. W. Bro. David Patterson, assisted by R. W. Bro. Tom Jackson.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I wish to express my grateful thanks for the honor and privilege of serving as your District Deputy. To the brethren of District No. 15 for the honor they conferred by electing me D.D.G.M. To R. W. Bro. Harry Ford for serving as secretary, and to the brethren of Fidelity Lodge who loaned their cars and accompanied me on my visits. I have enjoyed the work and I hope I have merited the trust reposed in me.

Yours fraternally,

J. R. HUME,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Carbon, Alberta, April 30th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for Masonic District No. 16, for the year 1948-49.

During my term of office, I have been able to pay official visits to all the Lodges in my district:

Symbol Lodge No. 93, in Sept. 1948.
Carbon Lodge No. 107, in Oct. 1948.
Rockyford Lodge No. 123, in Dec. 1948.
Hussar Lodge No. 130, in Dec. 1948.
Drumheller Lodge No. 146, in Oct. 1948.
Drumheller Lodge No. 146, in Mar. 1949.
Standard Lodge No. 152, in Nov. 1948.
Standard Lodge No. 152, Divine Service.

There was a good attendance at each of the lodges on the occasions of my visits, and the lodge books that I examined were well kept.

The District Meeting was held at Carbon, in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, September 29th, 1948. We were favored with the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. G. Moore.

The District Meeting was well attended, 112 brethren being present. The afternoon session was an open forum, at which the following papers were read:

"The New Mason, His Education and Employment," by V. W. Bro. F. D. Knowlton of Standard Lodge No. 152.

"Masonry and the Empire, or the Duties of a Mason in Local, Provincial and Dominion Affairs," by R. W. Bro. S. F. Torrance, of Carbon Lodge No. 107. There was considerable discussion and interest shown regarding the papers read.

The Banquet was held in the Scout Hall, Carbon, at 6 p.m., which was served very efficiently by the Masons' wives.

The evening session was opened at 8:15 and the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. George Moore, were received with Grand Honors, and conducted to the East. Minutes of the 1947 District Meeting were read, and adopted, and Masters and Wardens of the lodges in District No. 16 gave their reports. All lodges in this District being represented. The Deputy Grand Master gave an interesting and constructive criticism of these reports.

Wor. Bro. J. Farmer, of Symbol Lodge No. 93, was elected as D.D.G.M. and Drumheller selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, then addressed the meeting, his subject being "Peace Prospects and the Present Crisis and the Part Freemasonry Can Take in Promoting Peace."

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. G. Moore, also gave an address, regarding "Conditions of Masonry in Europe."

We were also favored with an address by the Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 16 for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and for their co-operation and hospitality during my term of office, and wish every success to Wor. Bro. J. Farmer, the new elect D.D.G.M. I also wish to express my appreciation of the work done by my District Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher, of Carbon Lodge No. 107.

Fraternally submitted,

L. POXON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irma, Alberta, March 6th, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the condition of Freemasonry in District No. 17 covering my term of office and it is with regret that I transfer this work to my successor.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Irma, on Thursday, August 5th, 1948, with Officers and Brethren present to the number of 85 representative of all Lodges in the District.

Wor. Bro. R. Dempsey of Gratton Lodge No. 144, called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. The D.D.G.M. was then officially received, and after proceeding to the East, opened the Lodge in prescribed form. The M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Wm. A. Henry, together with the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, were then introduced and received with Grand Honors.

The minutes of the last District Meeting were read and confirmed. Every Lodge in the District was represented and the reports received from the Masters and Wardens were satisfactory and encouraging.

The afternoon session was highlighted by two excellent papers. The first, entitled, "The Product of Freemasonry", presented by R. W. Bro. Pryce Jones, the second, entitled, "The New Mason, his education and employment", presented by R. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Smith. These papers resulted in considerable discussion.

At 6.30 p.m. the Brethren sat down to dinner, which was catered for by St. Mary's Anglican W. A.

Labor was resumed at 8 p.m., at which time W. Bro. J. Finnemore of Connaught Lodge No. 69, was declared elected for the office of D.D.G.M., subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Viking was the point chosen for the next District Meeting. The proceedings closed with an excellent and inspiring address by our Grand Master.

Albion Lodge No. 97.—I visited this Lodge on August 7th and was welcomed by R. W. Bro. Hawthorne together with R. W. Bro. Neil the W. M. and other officers. I enjoyed Degree Work at this visitation and found the officers proficient and interested in the work and welfare of the Lodge. The books and records are neat and up-to-date and the finances in good shape. This Lodge has had a good deal of Degree Work and appears to have attained a high standard of excellence.

Edgerton Lodge No. 102.—I visited this Lodge in June for its joint installation of Officers with Albion Lodge. W. Bro. Christie acted as Installing Master, and a full tribute is due him for the excellent manner in which he carried out his duties.

I chose September 7th for my official visitation to this Lodge. There was no Degree Work and it gave me an opportunity to discuss questions pertaining to the fraternity. The Lodge was opened and closed in a very satisfactory manner and the books are well kept.

Connaught Lodge No. 69.—I have had the pleasure of many visits to Connaught Lodge, but September 14th was chosen for my official visitation. Connaught Lodge is a thriving Lodge. It has had many candidates recently, its attendance is good, and this Lodge has attained a high standard of proficiency.

I was introduced by R. W. Bro. Rollans, and although there was no Degree Work, I enjoyed a well conducted meeting. This Lodge has now purchased a new up-to-date Lodge room, a room that is a credit to the town of Viking. May Connaught be blessed with many years of Masonic fraternity within its walls.

• Their books are well kept and financially the Lodge is in good shape.

Palestine Lodge No. 46.—Palestine Lodge was officially visited on September 22nd. At this meeting I received a kindly welcome from R. W. Bro. Lovell and the officers and members. An agreeable feature was the prompt opening of this Lodge on scheduled time at 8 p.m. The Third Degree was exemplified by the Brethren in a very creditable manner and the officers appear very proficient in their work. The books and records are well kept, the attendance by the resident Brethren is very good and the Lodge appears sound financially.

After closing of Lodge a wonderful hour of refreshment was enjoyed by all.

Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44.—During my term of office I have made many visits to Buffalo Park Lodge. This Lodge is passing through

an era of prosperity with many excellent candidates entering our ranks. My official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge was on October 14th.

At this meeting Degree Work was creditably performed by W. Bro. McTurk and his officers.

This Lodge owns its own hall which is well appointed and a credit to Masonry. The officers are proficient in their work, the attendance very good and the records well kept. A bright future seems assured for Buffalo Park Lodge.

Dynamic Lodge No. 96.—I visited this Lodge officially on September 1st at their regular meeting. Business was conducted very ably by the W. M. and Degree Work performed very creditably. The attendance was fair and included visitors from adjacent towns. The condition of this Lodge is very good and I was impressed by the feeling of good fellowship which exists. After the Lodge was closed, a very pleasant hour was spent in the Lodge refreshment room.

Gratton Lodge No. 144.—Gratton Lodge is my own Lodge and I have naturally attended all its meetings and made my official visit on March 25th. Gratton Lodge is now the smallest Lodge in the District and it is experiencing difficulty in carrying on with a small resident membership of only ten. Many members have recently left the district, including R. W. Pryce Jones, a charter member of the Lodge. Such losses of old members are serious, as these stalwart brethren cannot be quickly replaced.

On the evening of my visitation Brethren from Buffalo Park Lodge were present and assisted in the exemplification of the First Degree. The business of the evening was ably conducted by the P. M., Wor. Bro. Smallwood. The writer's official capacity in the Lodge being that of Secretary, I can assure you, Most W. Sir, that the records of Gratton are in good shape and the Lodge is well off financially.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Brethren of the District in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during my term of office. I especially wish to thank Bro. Kirkman of Gratton Lodge for his efficient work as District Secretary, and to those Brethren who took care of my travel requirements. The memory of my term of office is one which I shall always treasure and if my efforts have accomplished anything for the progress of Masonry in this District, then I shall feel amply repaid.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. TARGETT,
D.D.G.M. District No. 17

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, Alberta, April 22nd, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the first report of your new District No. 18 for the past year, 1948-49, and covering my stewardship. The

division of District No. 1 into two districts, I believe, was a wise move, as 16 Lodges in one district has been too great a burden on a District Deputy Grand Master, and now with a district of eight Lodges it gives your representative more time and opportunity to make repeated visits to his Lodges during his term. As a result, besides my official visits, I have made several return visits as time and circumstances would permit.

GENERAL

During 1948 the membership of the District was increased from 1,182 to 1,2661—a net gain of 79. Losses: Through death, 15; suspension N.P.D., 1; demits, 19. Gains: Restorations, 9; affiliations, 33; new members, 72. All Lodges in the District show an increase in membership, and, I am pleased to state, all are in a sound financial position. The last building indebtedness has been paid off. The attendance is not as high as I would like to see—the country Lodges have a much higher average attendance than the city Lodges. This record shows the smaller Lodges hold a greater attraction for their members than the Larger Lodges and this may bring up again the matter of more and smaller Lodges. The work in conferring the Degrees has been of a very high order, especially in the city Lodges, and the officers appear keen and alert in their respective duties.

The practice, in some Lodges, of assigning lectures to their newer members is highly commendable, as it gives the Brethren an opportunity to see and hear talent from which to choose future officers. In view of the large number of new members joining our Order, I trust the various Lodges will do all in their power to keep this interest alive.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Saturday, September 11th. There was a fair attendance, especially at the evening session, and all Lodges except one were represented.

The afternoon session was devoted to an open forum at which two well prepared papers were delivered. The first, "The Mason—His Education and Employment", was presented by R. W. Bro. E. Stanley Tharp, and the second, "Masonry and the Empire", was given by W. Bro. R. G. Powell. An interesting discussion followed. Dinner was served in the Temple, after which the evening session opened, when reports were presented by the various Lodges.

W. Bro. H. H. Mumby, of Crossfield Lodge No. 48, was elected District Deputy Grand Master for the year 1949-50, subject to the approval of the Grand Master at the next communication of Grand Lodge. Your address, Most Worshipful Sir, dealing with the part we play as Masons in everyday life, was the culminating point of the meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Most Lodges feature special nights such as "Canadian Night", "Irish Night", etc., at which the guest speaker delivers an appropriate address. The ever popular "Annual Ladies' Night" is always a happy

gathering of Masons and their ladies, and is featured by practically all Lodges. It has been my pleasure to attend several of these functions, and I feel they do much to atone for our many nights we are absent from home attending our Lodge meetings. Our city Lodges also compete in golf and bowling tournaments, a source of enjoyment to all and an opportunity to foster good fellowship.

RECOMMENDATIONS

My recommendations from observations during my year are as follows:

Encourage fraternal visits between rural and city Lodges. This will bring about a more uniform system of routine—both in business and Degree Work.

A greater use of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. Every member to be provided with a monthly copy, either by personal or Lodge subscription, with instructions to peruse it—it is well worth reading.

Endeavor to find time in the meetings for more Masonic Education. A short paper read on meeting nights when there is no Degree Work should prove interesting and instructive. Masonry means more than conferring Degrees.

CONCLUSION

I must say, in conclusion, that I have enjoyed my year as your representative in District No. 18. I feel greatly honored in being able in a small way to serve you and Grand Lodge. I have received the kindest welcome on visits, and I thank the Brethren who have been good enough to accompany me on my travels, both in the city and the country. W. Bro. W. L. Ashton, Calgary Lodge No. 23, has been a very efficient and faithful District Secretary, and has given me invaluable assistance in my official duties.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

O. C. SMITH,
D.D.G.M. District No.18.

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

Report of Grand Master's Special Representative

Edmonton, Alberta, March 31st, 1949.

To the M. W. The Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Yellowknife Lodge No. 162 had a very prosperous and busy year in 1948 and, at the end of the year, were more firmly entrenched in the social and economic life of the Yellowknife community which is located approximately 800 air miles north of Edmonton and nearly 600 air miles from the end of steel.

Yellowknife is far from being the dreary outpost one would expect so far from so-called "civilization" as it has a fully modern hotel with many rooms with private bath, cocktail bar and restaurant and all the usual amenities of city life. The district is laced with good roads running to the various mines on Yellowknife Bay and to the Airport, and the modern airport is capable of handling most aircraft liable to land there. The town boasts telephones, electric light and power, sewerage and water system, a thoroughly modern hospital, modern school to Grade XII, two movie theatres, an enclosed hockey rink and lots of taxicabs.

Yellowknife Lodge holds its meetings at the Negus Hall—about three miles from the town centre and, in 1948, was presided over by Wor. Bro. J. G. McNiven, W. M., the manager of Negus Mines Limited. S. W. was Bro. O. L. Stanton, and J. W., Bro Jack McCrae.

The Lodge, on December 31st, 1948, had 60 members—an increase of 38 since dispensation was granted—and, at the time of my official visit, they had many applications on the Secretary's desk and the same high standard of candidates is being maintained.

Last year the Lodge and the entire community suffered a loss that it will be hard to forget, when Bro. Gerald D. Murphy, a recent addition to our ranks, died very suddenly. Bro. Murphy, a bachelor and the son of a past D.D.G.M. in Saskatchewan and a prominent Anglican, was having dinner with the Senior Warden and his wife at the Ingraham Hotel on a Sunday evening, as was his wonted custom whenever the opportunity presented itself. Without any preliminary discussion of the subject, Bro. Murphy remarked that when he died he wanted to be buried by the local R.C. priest, Father Gathe, a man whom all people in the N.W.T., irrespective of creed, respect and admire for his broad outlook on religious and secular matters and his active work in all matters of public interest. The conversation turned to other matters and within minutes Bro. Murphy slipped from his chair to the floor, stone dead. The S. W., who is the medical officer, stated that Bro. Murphy suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and had died instantly.

By a coincidence, the Anglican Church was without a minister, and the Baptist minister was away "outside", so the W. M. requested the Priest to comply with the late brother's wishes. The Lodge opened at the Negus Hall and adjourned to attend the funeral in a body. Present, also, was every resident who could possibly attend. The Priest conducted the service without any reference to the R.C. ritual and preached a sermon which was most impressive and non-sectarian and the Last Post was sounded by a colored member of the Canadian Corps of Signals. The regular Masonic graveside ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master, whilst overhead planes of the R.C.A.F. and civilian companies flew in formation and dropped flowers on the grave.

In every respect the funeral of the late beloved Brother Gerry Murphy was something which will be remembered by everyone who witnessed it and the participation of an R.C. priest in a Masonic funeral was, to say the least, a tribute to the broadmindedness of the inhabitants of this truly hospitable and warm-blooded Northland.

and was probably unique in the history of Masonry in the West. Father Gathery said: "One thing the life in this North does teach is sympathy for, and tolerance of, the opinions of others, to the greater honor and glory of God whom we all are pledged to serve".

I paid my official visit on February 4th, 1948, and was received in form. There were 32 members present and a Second Degree was conferred. The work was carried out in an exemplary manner, all the officers being thoroughly competent. The attendance was large considering the temperature was about 65 degrees below zero and many members drove 7 miles to attend.

I predict a very bright future for this Lodge which is in an isolated location and so has many opportunities of Masonic service and great responsibilities for the preservation of the Masonic landmarks of which we are all so proud.

CHARLES E. GARNETT,

Grand Master's Representative.

Resolved on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51) "That the Reports of the District Deputies be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry".

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M., G. R. A.

Brethren, the time has again arrived when we mark its passing by remembering in this memorial service our illustrious, departed Brethren both of our own and sister jurisdictions. Our own jurisdiction has a long list of 217 Brethren who being skilled crafts-men and faithful members of our fraternity, having completed their work, have been called to higher service in the Grand Lodge above, where they rest from their labors, "Their Works following them". Their names shall be recorded in the proper place, as a memorial to them and we shall treasure their memory in our hearts giving God thanks for their lives.

It is fitting that special mention be made of some who have rendered outstanding service to the craft such as:

1. In the passing of R. W. BRO. WILLIAM THOMAS COOTE, Edmonton and Acacia Lodge has lost one of its outstanding Masons. He had been active in Craft Masonry since 1911, when he was elected Junior Warden of Kennilworth Lodge at Red Deer. He was elected Grand Registrar at Grand Lodge in 1941, and since then had been most active on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he served as Grand First Principal in 1923. His passing on March 19th, 1949, at his home in Edmonton, at the age of 72 years, was mourned by a large number of Brethren of Acacia and other Lodges, who accompanied his remains to his burial place.
2. R. W. BRO. FRANCIS VERNER TRUESDALE, born in Liverpool, England, November 3rd, 1879. Initiated in Calgary Lodge No. 23 and later became a Charter member of Concord Lodge No. 124 in July, 1921. He was a member of the Calgary Scottish Rite Bodies. He was Past First Principal of Otuskwaw Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Brother Truesdale was keenly interested in Freemasonry. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 1 in 1933. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes and served on the Board of Benevolence for many years, and had been Chairman since 1944. Brother Truesdale was indefatigable in his work as Chairman; almost every day he visited Grand Lodge Office to check up the various cases that came before the Board and the many letters of sympathy which he sent to the Beneficiaries was a source of cheer and comfort to those who received them. He was also a member of the Finance Committee. He retired from business in 1946 and from then on devoted most of his time to his Masonic duties. He died on November 24th, 1948, at the age of 69 years, sadly regretted and mourned by all. His death was a blow to Grand Lodge.
3. R. W. BRO. NORMAN T. MACLEOD, North Star Lodge No. 4, an old-

timer in the West. He came to Macleod in 1880 and has been prominent in the life of the south part of the province.

4. R. W. BRO. THEODORE PAUL NEUMAN, Grand Steward, Spitzie Lodge No. 6, an early pioneer and a steadfast member of the Craft.
5. R. W. Bro. WILLIAM FRANKLIN PUFFER, Eureka Lodge No. 10. A highly respected old-timer, who throughout a long life took a deep interest in Freemasonry. An early member of the Provincial Legislature, and a P.D.D.G.M.
6. BROTHER DANIEL EDWARD RILEY, Cornerstone Lodge No. 19. A pioneer of Alberta and a member of the Senate at the time of his death.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. Moore (23), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received, and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to the affected Lodges and Grand Lodges".

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith the Forty-Fourth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary together with a statement of monies received from Lodges and Lodge balances for the fiscal year ending April 30th, 1949. A statement of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities as at that date, will be found in the Auditor's Report.

Also included in the Report is a synopsis of Certificates issued and all other official acts of the M. W. Grand Master and transactions of this office for the fiscal year.

There are 152 Chartered Lodges and one under dispensation on the register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A. F. & A. M., with a total membership as at December 31st, 1948, of 14,336.

PROCEEDINGS

Six hundred and seventy-five copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the instructions of Grand Lodge. Two copies were sent to each Lodge, and a third copy when requested by the Lodge. It is recommended that six hundred be printed for this year.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section No. 75 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 823 Master Mason Certificates to Brethren Raised during the year.

Seventy-two Life Members were registered and the requisite Certificates issued.

I have also issued 153 Past Masters' Certificates who have applied for same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following:

Ancient Landmark No. 163	Nov. 4, 1948
Eureka No. 10	Dec. 6, 1948

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Jasper No. 14	June 1, 1948
Ionic No. 45	July 2, 1948
Mountain View No. 16	July 22, 1948
North Star No. 4	Sept. 11, 1948

Drumheller No. 146	Oct. 4, 1948
Rockyford No. 123	Oct. 22, 1948
Victoria No. 13	Nov. 4, 1948
Spitzie No. 6	Nov. 12, 1948
Cyprus No. 113	Nov. 13, 1948
Apollo No. 27	Dec. 13, 1948
Strathmore No. 53	Dec. 21, 1948
Albion No. 97	Dec. 24, 1948
Strathmore No. 53	Dec. 28, 1948
Calgary No. 23	Jan. 13, 1949
Lamont No. 94	Jan. 24, 1949
Lochearn No. 151	Jan. 27, 1949
Edmonton No. 7	Feb. 19, 1949
Spitzie No. 6	Feb. 18, 1949
Meridian No. 129	Feb. 21, 1949
Chief Mountain No. 58	Feb. 22, 1949
Tuscan No. 43	Mar. 14, 1949
Camrose No. 37	Mar. 14, 1949
Patricia No. 91	Mar. 15, 1949
Cascade No. 5	Mar. 21, 1949
Calgary No. 23	Apr. 1, 1949
Bow Island No. 64	Apr. 21, 1949
Jasper No. 14	Apr. 26, 1949

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service	20
To Install and Invest out of time	7
To Elect and Invest out of time	7
To Invest out of time	5
To Change the Night of Regular Meeting	31
To Change the Hour of Regular Meeting	8
To Receive and Act with Physical Disability	3
To Act without Residence Qualifications	3
To Withdraw Application	13
To Confer Degrees in less time than prescribed by the Constitution	11
To Hold Lodge of Instruction	1
To Ballot and Initiate the same evening	1
To Ballot out of time	2

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Commissions of the M. W. the Grand Master appointing Grand Representatives near the following Grand Lodges on the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters, were issued as follows:

Alabama	Bro. John A. Alsbrooks
Georgia	Bro. J. T. McCollough
Kansas	Bro. Harold C. Alexander
Norway	Bro. Ch. Hutchinson
South Dakota	Wor. Bro. Rolland O. Coats
Texas	Bro. Sam S. Wood
Paraiba	Bro. Orlando do Rego Luna

Upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master of

Alberta the following were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

R. W. Bro. W. Noble (118)	Alabama
W. Bro. J. MacArthur (142)	District of Columbia
R. W. Bro. H. E. Stretton (4)	Idaho
R. W. Bro. Fred. J. Kavanagh (142)	Kansas
V. W. Bro. G. W. Skene (9)	Nevada
V. W. Bro. Perry Pratt (10)	Prince Edward Island
W. Bro. G. Tremeer (124)	South Carolina
R. W. Bro. J. P. Marsh (2)	South Dakota
W. Bro. N. Christ (157)	Switzerland (Alpina)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

THE BOYS' FARM

Bro. M. M. Porter (83), Chairman.
 R. W. Bro. Len. Beatty (81).
 W. Bro. A. B. Gibson (124).
 R. W. Bro. James Murray (16).
 R. W. Bro. W. Jackson (8).
 R. W. Bro. Guy Voisey (84).
 R. W. Bro. Dr. G. M. Carson (74).
 W. Bro. R. E. Calder (2).
 W. Bro. C. M. Macleod (142).
 W. Bro. Sam Bannan (86).
 W. Bro. Dr. Michie (18).
 V. W. Bro. Kenneth Morrison (59).
 R. W. Bro. Andy Scotland (87).
 Bro. John Begg (9).
 W. Bro. C. R. Shaw (5).

BULLETIN

M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88) was appointed Editor of the Bulletin.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

V. W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie (63), Chairman.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M. W. Bro. Archie West (7), Chairman.
 M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).
 M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29).

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M. W. Bro. John Martland (63).
 M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).
 M. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9).

FRATERNAL DEAD

R. W. Bro. Rev. W. J. Whelen (44).
 M. W. Bro. Horace P. Reid (14).
 R. W. Bro. Fred. Kavanagh (142).

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership (corrected), December 31st, 1947	13,727
Increase:	
Initiated	839
Passed	852
Raised	862
Affiliated	241
Reinstated	74
	1,154
Decrease:	
Dimitted	257
Suspended N. P. D.	71
Died	217
	595
Net Increase	609
Total Membership December 31st, 1948	14,336

During the year we have conferred nineteen (19) Courtesy Degrees for Sister Jurisdictions and have requested fifteen (15) Courtesy Degrees for our own members who have moved elsewhere.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163 was granted a Charter at the Annual Communication in 1948 and on Friday, October 1st, 1948, the Lodge was Constituted and Consecrated by M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, P. G. M., assisted by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Senior Warden and other local Brethren. The Officers were Installed by R. W. Bro. David Patterson.

All Lodges but one (Pembina No. 126) have paid their annual Fees and Dues and all Districts but one (No. 13) have paid their accounts. Outstanding Lodge balances are very low and chiefly represent recent supplies.

No calls have been received for Masonic War Distress or Rehabilitation.

MEMBERSHIP

Once again we register a large influx into the Craft—1,154 having been added to the roll either by joining or initiation. This number has been reduced by losses amounting to 545, leaving a net gain of 609.

The Brethren will note that the last three years show a steady decline from the peak year of 1946, which would indicate there will be a gradual recession in the number of applicants coming forward from now on.

REGALIA

Complete new sets of Regalia have been ordered for all elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge and it is hoped they will be received in time for the annual communication. New sets have also been purchased for Districts Nos. 1, 12 and 18.

DISTRICT MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

I attended the Grand Master at all eighteen of the District Meetings as well as many of the special nights and Anniversaries held by Lodges around the Province.

I also had the privilege of attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon.

I also attended the Western Conference held at Banff in September last. As usual the attendance was good, and the papers and ensuing discussions were of a high order. Following the previous year's example, a verbatim copy of the Proceedings were sent to all D.D.G.M.'s with instructions to use them as subject matter for their Addresses and a copy of all the papers given at the Conference were sent to the Lodges for the use of their Educational Committee. It is to be feared—from a recent survey—that only a few Lodges used these very excellent papers, thereby denying their membership valuable Masonic information.

I also had the very great privilege of attending with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, the "First Conference of Grand Lodges of British North America", held at Toronto on February 28th, March 1st and 2nd, 1949. A full report of the Meeting will be found in the Grand Master's Address. Alberta was honored in that its first President was M. W. Bro. A.D. C umming, P. G. M. This was undoubtedly a history-making occasion, and it is expected that as the years go by much good and a better understanding will accrue to Canadian Freemasonry as a result of its deliberations.

A handbook for the "Use of the Master of the Lodge" has been sent to every Lodge in the jurisdiction. It is adapted from one in use by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario (by permission), and contains many helpful hints on the conduct of a Lodge. It is hoped that full use will be made of it and extra copies may be obtained from the Grand Lodge office at a nominal cost.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Grand Master for his help and assistance, cheerfully given at all times. A very busy physician, he was always prompt where the business of Grand Lodge was concerned. My thanks are also due to the D.D.G.M.'s and especially the Lodge Secretaries, whose close co-operation is so essential for the successful working of Grand Lodge Office; also to my assistant, Miss Butler, who early and late, has attended faithfully to the many and varied duties of the office.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Secretary.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), and R. W. Bro. R. F. Lawrence (87), "That the Report of the Grand Secretary, with the exception of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and that the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance".

Financial Report of Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year ending April 30th, 1949

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Statements of Debits, Credits and Monies received from Lodges
between May 1st, 1948, and April 30th, 1949

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
1.	Bow River		\$ 10.25	\$ 374.25
2.	Medicine Hat		8.75	499.50
3.	Alberta	\$ 1.40		157.10
4.	North Star	16.00		284.65
5.	Cascade	20.00		222.55
6.	Spitzie	4.35		191.89
7.	Edmonton	1.00		569.80
8.	Innisfail	9.80		163.60
9.	Perfection		.50	621.35
10.	Eureka		2.00	223.55
11.	Acacia			560.09
12.	Red Deer			240.22
13.	Victoria	6.75		78.20
14.	Jasper			234.80
15.	Wetaskiwin			192.35
16.	Mountain View			224.22
17.	Nanton	2.00		163.60
18.	Britannia	.75		138.68
19.	Cornerstone	.50		278.40
20.	Carstairs		6.71	161.21
21.	King Hiram	4.25		138.35
22.	Corinthian			270.05
23.	Calgary			209.75
24.	Vermilion			245.28
25.	St. John's		.65	159.84
26.	Sentinel	.20		125.50
27.	Apollo			190.20
28.	Ashlar	2.00		284.20
29.	Kenilworth	2.35		207.90
30.	Summit	7.65		116.15
31.	Doric	8.40		139.28
32.	Cairo	2.40		179.20
33.	Stavely		.83	80.08
34.	Star of the West			112.95
35.	Mizpah			253.30
36.	Gleichen			132.85
37.	Camrose			189.13
38.	Hope			135.95

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
39.	Lethbridge			388.00
40.	Joppa		3.60	46.00
41.	King Solomon	4.80		79.55
42.	Bowden		.05	106.20
43.	Tuscan	2.00		103.96
44.	Buffalo Park	1.55		111.90
45.	Ionic			85.40
46.	Palestine		.25	103.20
47.	Chinook			57.40
48.	Crossfield			134.80
49.	Robert Burns	.50		62.85
50.	Comet			81.95
51.	Unity	7.00		628.90
53.	Strathmore	6.00		199.15
54.	Mount Lebanon	.99		313.73
55.	Bassano	1.95		164.74
56.	Beaver	1.10		86.38
57.	Grassy Lake		.50	67.05
58.	Chief Mountain			102.14
59.	King George		2.70	506.30
60.	Acme	3.90		93.10
61.	Provost			127.00
62.	Melrose	11.05		103.67
63.	Empire	4.87		190.48
64.	Bow Island	.75		85.80
65.	Diamond City		.50	66.40
66.	St. Andrew's	4.30		115.75
67.	Charity			142.75
68.	Edson		3.65	313.15
69.	Connaught			116.39
70.	Quarry		4.50	88.15
71.	Tawatinaw	3.60		117.76
72.	Coronation		4.00	101.20
73.	Brooks			209.35
74.	Vulcan		1.45	149.70
75.	Harmony	2.00		77.07
76.	Fidelity		38.81	179.90
77.	Strathcona		11.70	288.30
78.	Hanna	3.25		180.35
79.	Morning Star	5.25		76.45
80.	Excelsior			75.05
81.	Commercial	.25		371.40
82.	Acadia	1.13		83.77
83.	Zetland		.25	442.30
84.	Champion	2.00		102.20
86.	Rocky Mountain		3.80	136.55
87.	Crescent	11.75		422.95
88.	Wahpun			124.45
89.	Peace River		4.58	245.30
90.	Norwood	.50		350.44
91.	Patricia	7.60		357.40
92.	Saskatchewan			292.65
93.	Symbol		4.85	452.83

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
94.	Lamont	.70		91.37
95.	Kitchener			80.85
96.	Dynamic	.10		101.07
97.	Albion			78.85
98.	Hand Hill			192.15
100.	Century	6.40		167.00
101.	West Edmonton			250.65
102.	Edgerton	4.00		102.80
103.	Foremost	1.35		100.10
104.	Oyen		.65	142.50
105.	Grande Prairie		2.00	221.25
106.	Lake Saskatoon	5.03		81.10
107.	Carbon	6.70		114.10
108.	Pyramid	.40		86.20
110.	Kilwinning			45.90
111.	Nobleford		.60	74.35
113.	Cyprus	6.50		100.35
114.	Westlock	1.19		148.86
115.	Crocus	.76		58.45
116.	Spirit River		27.10	127.20
117.	Dominion			265.80
118.	St. Mark's		1.35	232.45
119.	York		7.20	255.50
120.	Monitor			89.30
121.	Clive		56.00	
122.	Rising Sun		30.00	15.00
123.	Rockyford		3.38	85.94
124.	Concord			325.45
125.	Cavell		5.70	108.80
126.	Pembina	42.80		38.05
127.	Granite		11.62	140.15
128.	Forestburg		14.27	103.80
129.	Meridian			102.25
130.	Hussar		2.50	90.95
131.	Kitscoty	.10		103.55
132.	Craigmyle			85.05
133.	Manyberries	.65		66.57
134.	Renfrew	1.25		294.45
135.	Alliance	.50		74.45
136.	Cresset			45.75
137.	Irricana	4.75		105.00
138.	Onoway	4.35		61.40
140.	Big Valley	.75		98.50
141.	Efficiency	4.69		77.26
142.	Ivanhoe	3.00		334.25
143.	Jasper Park	2.00		203.05
144.	Gratton			63.95
145.	St. Alban's	5.75		104.41
146.	Drumheller		2.00	193.00
147.	Northland	1.25		131.20
148.	Mayerthorpe			105.15
151.	Lochearn	1.35		174.50
152.	Standard	3.00		87.60

No.	Name of Lodge	Debits	Credits	Amount Received
153.	Whitecourt		6.20	72.30
154.	Waskatenau	.35		54.20
156.	Hythe		.40	115.95
157.	Sharon		2.40	83.00
158.	Berry Creek		5.60	90.82
159.	Lucerne			72.74
160.	Sexsmith	9.35		98.20
161.	Empress		1.00	99.55
162.	Yellowknife	1.10		146.84
163.	Ancient Landwark	4.15		108.00
U.D.	Gateway			121.25
	Masonic District No. 2			.50
	Masonic District No. 7			115.00
	Masonic District No. 9		1.00	116.00
	Masonic District No. 10			115.10
	Masonic District No. 12			115.50
	Masonic District No. 13	230.00		
	Masonic District No. 14			115.00
	Sundry Account			6.85
		<u>\$532.16</u>	<u>\$293.85</u>	<u>\$26,729.01</u>

May 18th, 1949.

To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Officers and Members,

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,

I have made an examination of the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal period ending April 30th, 1949, and have pleasure in presenting herewith Financial Statements covering the several Funds of your Grand Lodge.

The balances in the several Bank Accounts have been verified by me and confirmed to me by the Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

In company with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia and examined the securities held for the several Funds, and found same to be in order. During the year under review Bonds to the value of \$7,500.00 were called by the Dominion Government of Canada. There were purchased during this period \$20,000.00 par value Bonds of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the Province of Ontario, and \$15,000.00 Dominion of Canada Bonds, \$5,00.00 of which were for the General Fund.

The funds held for the Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund were consolidated with those of the Relief Fund, and there was transferred from the Relief Fund to the Benevolent Fund Capital Account, Bonds costing \$22,456.25.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M. as at April 30th, 1949, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant,
Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at April 30th, 1949.

Balance Sheet as at April 30th, 1943.		
ASSETS		LIABILITIES
Benevolent Fund:		General Fund:
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	1,810.49	Accounts Payable
Investments in Bonds at Cost	244,402.50	Balances due to Lodges
	246,212.99	Reserve for Regalia Replacement
		Surplus Account:
		As per Schedule
		23,461.61
		26,201.09
Relief Fund:		Benevolent Fund:
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	10,099.69	Balance due Relief Fund
Investments at Cost	42,332.50	Capital Account:
Plus Accrued Interest	3,018.66	As per Schedule
	45,351.16	246,203.69
		246,212.99
Balance due from Benevolent Fund	9.30	Relief Fund:
	55,460.15	Balance due General Fund
		Surplus Account:
		As per Schedule
		55,385.15
Masonic Home & School Fund:		55,460.15
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	22.50	Masonic Home & School Fund:
Dominion of Canada Bond	100.00	Legacy from Estate of the late W. Bro. James Winn, with Interest
	122.50	122.50
		\$327,996.73

STRESS ASSETS

General Fund:		
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia	5,553.60	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	13,987.50	
Accrued Interest	127.88	
Balance due from Lodges ..	14,115.38	
Balance due from Relief Fund	532.16	
Books, Stationery and Supplies on hand	75.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,354.37	
Regalia	1,083.75	
Deferred Expense:	650.33	
All Canadian Conference	836.50	
		\$327,996.73

Calgary, May 18th, 1949.

Verified as per Report herewith,

WM. IRELAND, Chartered Accountant.

Auditor.

26,201.09

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**SURPLUS ACCOUNT**

as at April 30th, 1949.

Balance, May 1st, 1948	\$ 19,412.15
Plus Cost of Regalia replaced out of Reserve Fund	251.97
Plus Excess of Income over Expenditure, as per Revenue Account	3,797.49
Balance to Balance Sheet	\$23,461.61

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

For 12 Months Ended April 30th, 1949.

Budget	Revenue	
\$10,000.00	Membership Fees	11,145.60
1,800.00	Initiation Fees	1,682.00
1,800.00	Certificate Fees	1,951.00
200.00	Dispensations	182.00
200.00	Affiliation Fees	237.00
	Charter Fees	35.00
\$14,000.00		15,232.60
	Life Memberships ..	22.27
	Interest on Bonds	325.50
	Supplies Sold	1,824.07
	Less Cost	1,218.79
		605.28
	Regalia Sold	805.00
	Less Cost	789.95
		15.05
	"Bulletin" Revenue	1,644.21
	Less Cost	1,370.25
		273.96
		1,242.06
		16,474.66

Budget		Expenditure	
\$ 6,000.00	Salaries	5,642.36	
1,140.00	Rent and Light	1,290.00	
225.00	Telephone and Telegrams	172.81	
600.00	Postage and Express	575.09	
	Office Supplies	244.31	
75.00	Exchange	65.85	
175.00	Audit Fee	175.00	
	Flowers and Gifts	112.25	
20.00	Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50	
25.00	Insurance	45.75	
35.00	Unemployment Insurance.. ..	23.49	
	General Expense	37.85	
			8,407.26
1,800.00	Printing:		
	Proceedings	940.18	
	General	231.42	
			1,171.60
	Travelling Expenses:		
1,000.00	Grand Master	1,004.35	
1,500.00	Grand Officers	717.63	
			1,721.98
	Grand Lodge Expense:		
500.00	Annual Communication ...	578.40	
225.00	Presentation Regalia	241.73	
500.00	Western Conference	363.55	
			1,183.68
<u>\$13,820.00</u>			
	Depreciation:		
	Furniture and Fixtures	120.40	
	Regalia	72.25	
			192.65
			<u>12,677.17</u>
	Excess of Income over Expenditure		<u>\$ 3,797.49</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

as at April 30th, 1949.

Balance, May 1st, 1948	\$223,364.40
Affiliation Fees	364.00
Savings Bank Interest	19.04
Cost Value of Bonds transferred from Relief Fund	22,456.25
Balance to Balance Sheet	<u>\$246,203.69</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

as at April 30th, 1949.

Balance, May 1st, 1948	\$ 61,210.96
Interest on Bonds	12,876.42
Membership Fees	6,966.00
Interest on Savings	158.81
Transfer from Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund	8,777.56
Refunds on Lodge Grants	95.00
Donations	10.00
Profit on Sale of Bonds	33.75
	<u>90,128.50</u>
Transferred to Benevolent Fund Capital Account	22,456.25
Grants to Beneficiaries	7,286.04
B.C. Flood Relief	5,000.00
Exchange	1.06
	<u>34,743.35</u>
Balance to Balance Sheet	<u>\$55,385.15</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1st, 1948, to April 30th, 1949

Receipts		Disbursements	
Balance, May 1st, 1948	\$ 7,188.23	Salaries	\$ 5,642.36
Receipts from Lodges	26,709.01	Printing	1,486.11
Interest, Dominion of Canada Bonds	270.60	Rent and Light	1,290.00
		Postage and Express	575.09
		Telephones and Telegrams	172.81
		Exchange	65.85
		Flowers and Gifts	112.25
		Audit Fee	175.00
		Unemployment Insurance	23.49
		Insurance	45.75
		Safety Deposit Box Rental	22.50
		General Expense	37.85
			9,649.06
		Travelling Expenses: ..	
		Grand Master	1,004.35
		Grand Lodge Officers	717.63
			1,721.98
		Grand Lodge Expense:	
		Annual Communication	578.40
		Presentation Regalia	241.73
		Western Conference	363.55
		All Canada Conference	836.50
			2,020.18
		Transfer to Relief Fund	6,966.00
		Transfer to Benevolent Fund	364.00
			7,330.00
		Supplies Purchased	481.87
		Regalia Purchased	251.97
		Regalia for Resale	775.95
		"Bulletin" Expense	1,370.25
			2,880.04
		Dominion of Canada Bonds	5,012.98
		Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary	5,553.60
			<u>\$34,167.84</u>
			<u>\$34,167.84</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

From May 1st, 1948, to April 30th, 1949.

Benevolent Fund

Balance, May 1st, 1948	1,427.45	
Affiliation Fees	364.00	
Bank Interest	19.04	
Balance in Bank		1,810.49
	<u>\$1,810.49</u>	<u>\$1,810.49</u>

Relief Fund

Balance, May 1st, 1948	22,800.07	
Interest Earnings:		
Dominion of Canada Bonds	4,612.50	
Province of Alberta Bonds	7,677.66	
Province of Ontario Hydro-Electric	299.00	
	<u>12,589.16</u>	
Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	7,500.00	
Per Capita Tax	6,966.00	
Transfer of Bank Balance from War		
Distress Fund	2,277.56	
Receipts from Lodges	95.00	
Donations	10.00	
Interest on Bank Savings	158.81	
Bonds Purchased		30,010.87
B.C. Flood Relief Donation		5,000.00
Cheques issued to Beneficiaries		7,286.04
Balance in Bank		10,099.69
	<u>\$52,396.60</u>	<u>\$52,396.60</u>

Masonic War Distress and Rehabilitation Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	2,232.56	
Interest on Bonds	45.00	
Transferred to Relief Fund		2,277.56
	<u>\$2,277.56</u>	<u>\$2,277.56</u>

Masonic Home and School Fund

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	19.50	
Interest on Bond	3.00	
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949		22.50
	<u>\$22.50</u>	<u>\$22.50</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

LIST OF SECURITIES AS AT APRIL 30th, 1949.

BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:	Rate of Interest	Par Value	Cost	Annual Accrued Interest	
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	7,500.00	7,481.25	225.00	54.86
Mar. 15, Perpetual	3 %	24,000.00	22,765.00	720.00	88.77
June 15, 1951	3 %	500.00	500.00	15.00	5.59
Nov. 1, 1959	4½ %	5,000.00	5,000.00	225.00	112.50
May 1, 1957	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	150.00
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	55,000.00	57,681.25	1,650.00	275.75
			<u>\$102,000.00</u>	<u>103,427.50</u>	<u>3,135.00</u>
					<u>687.47</u>
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario:					
July 2, 1964	3 %	\$20,000.00	19,975.00	600.00	197.26
Province of Alberta:					
June 1, 1965	3½ %	10,000.00	10,000.00	350.00	144.79
June 1, 1971	3½ %	24,500.00	24,500.00	857.50	354.79
June 1, 1972	3½ %	55,000.00	55,000.00	1,925.00	796.37
June 1, 1976	3½ %	2,000.00	2,000.00	70.00	28.96
June 1, 1977	3½ %	5,500.00	5,500.00	192.50	79.64
June 1, 1980	3½ %	24,000.00	24,000.00	840.00	347.51
			<u>\$121,000.00</u>	<u>121,000.00</u>	<u>4,235.00</u>
					<u>1,752.06</u>
TOTAL		\$243,000.00	244,402.50	7,970.00	2,636.79

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	2,500.00	2,493.75	75.00	18.29
Mar. 1, 1954	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	25.06
June 15, 1951	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	33.54
Nov. 1, 1956	3 %	3,000.00	3,000.00	90.00	45.00
Jan. 1, 1959	3 %	10,000.00	10,000.00	300.00	100.00
June 1, 1960	3 %	8,000.00	8,000.00	240.00	99.29
Feb. 1, 1962	3 %	3,500.00	3,500.00	105.00	25.60
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	2,000.00	2,095.00	60.00	10.02
Sept. 1, 1966	3 %	5,000.00	5,243.75	150.00	25.07
			<u>\$42,000.00</u>	<u>42,332.50</u>	<u>1,260.00</u>
					<u>381.87</u>

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Dominion of Canada:					
June 15, 1951	3 %	\$ 100.00	100.00	3.00	.56

GENERAL FUND

Dominion of Canada:					
Feb. 1, Perpetual	3 %	5,000.00	4,987.50	150.00	36.57
June 1, 1960	3 %	5,000.00	5,000.00	150.00	62.05
Feb. 1, 1962	3 %	4,000.00	4,000.00	120.00	29.26
			<u>\$14,000.00</u>	<u>13,987.00</u>	<u>420.00</u>
					<u>127.88</u>

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I submit hereunder my report as Grand Treasurer for the year
ending April 30th, 1949:

GENERAL FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	7,188.23	
Receipts from Lodges	26,709.01	
Interest	270.60	
		34,167.84
Cheques issued	28,614.24	
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949	5,553.66	
		34,167.84

RELIEF FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	22,800.07	
Deposits	29,596.53	
		52,396.60
Cheques issued Beneficiaries	7,286.04	
B.C. Flood Donation	5,000.00	
Bonds Purchased	30,010.87	
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949	10,099.69	
		52,396.60

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	1,427.45	
Affiliation Fees	364.00	
Interest on Savings	19.04	
		1,810.49
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949		1,810.49

MASONIC WAR DISTRESS & REHABILITATION FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	2,532.56	
Interest	45.00	
		2,577.56
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949		2,577.56

MASONIC HOME & SCHOOL FUND

Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1948	19.50	
Interest	3.00	
		22.50
Balance in Bank, April 30th, 1949		22.50

A detailed account of Receipts and Disbursements is fully set
forth in the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by
M. W. Bro. George Moore (23), "That the Report of the Grand Treas-
urer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance".

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I beg to present herewith my annual Report as Grand Librarian.

Receipt of the copies of the Proceedings from Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal communication, is hereby acknowledged.

Where two copies have been received, one has been sent to the reviewers and one placed in the Grand Lodge Library.

The following are also acknowledged:

"Honor Roll" of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania—World War II.

A pamphlet on Freemasonry and Communism—a Special Committee Report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland A. F. & A. M.

Freemasonry in Newfoundland. An historical record prepared to mark the Centennary of St. John's Lodge No. 579 E.C. 1848-1948. This is a particularly pleasing and interesting historical record of early days in the ancient Colony, prepared by Brother Kenneth C. Skuce, P.M., O.B.E.

One new book has been purchased for the Library, "The Egyptian Concept of Immortality", by Sir Ernest Budge.

The following donations of books are gratefully acknowledged from R.W. Bro. Ernest V. Bergin, P.G.C. (160):

Vol. 1-2 Mackey's Encyclopedia,
"Lexicon of Freemasonry"—Mackey.
Morgan's "Exposee".

And from R.W. Bro. Sam Hodgson, P.D.D.G.M. (82): "The Works of Josephus."

"Morals and Dogmas"—by Albert Pike.
"The Great Pyramid of Ghizeh"—by Francis W. Chapman.
"Tales of King Solomon"—by St. John D. Seymour.
"The Races of the Old Testament"—by A. H. Sayce.
"The Hittites"—by A. H. Sayce.
"Jesus The Last Initiate"—by E. Schure.
"Krishna and Orpheus"—by E. Schure.
"Pythagoras"—by E. Schures.
Hermes and Plato"—by E. Schures.
"Rama and Moses"—by E. Schures.

The popularity of Claudy's "Introduction to Freemasonry" is on the increase, both with the individual and with those Lodges that present or loan them to new members.

We have one set of the "British Masonic Miscellany" only on hand—no more will be available when this is sold, as they are no longer printed.

Increasing use of the Library facilities by new members is recorded and many books have been loaned to Lodges.

Our thanks are also due for the many pamphlets, brochures and Bulletins received from Grand Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8), "That the Report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Research and Education."

Grand Master:

"I am very pleased to have so many Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers present. It is indeed a pleasure to see these Brethren attend and help out with our Annual Communication. We welcome each and every one of you. It makes me feel proud and happy. I thank you for your presence."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 10th, 1948, in the Masonic Temple at Edmonton, with R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald in the chair.

The Officers and the Chairman of the several Committees were elected and the personnel of the Committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the Constitution. The Board then adjourned to meet at the City of Calgary, on Tuesday, June 7th, 1949.

The Board duly assembled on Tuesday, June 7, 1949, and the several reports of the Committees of the Boards were considered and will be presented to you for your approval at this Communication.

The Report of the Finance Committee was considered at some length and the condition of the various funds noted.

There were no new cases for consideration by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals but certain recommendations with respect to cases already under advisement will be reported on by the Committee.

The Report on the Condition of Masonry by the Chairman, R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, was presented and showed substantial growth in membership. Considerable discussion followed its presentation and

it will be placed before Grand Lodge for their consideration and further discussion.

M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, reporting on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, advised that many requests for recognition had been received from various South American Grand Lodges but, due to the unsettled state of affairs prevailing there, it was recommended that no action be taken. Requests for recognition had also been received from Sweden and Holland and, these being old-established and composed of substantial and prominent men in their respective countries, it is recommended that recognition by Grand Lodge be extended to these Grand Bodies.

The Committee on Charters and New Lodges recommended that a Charter be granted to Gateway Lodge U.D.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, under the Chairmanship of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, reported that the Committee had reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master and had approved the same. One recommendation had been made by the Grand Master on the Collective Ballot and this was also approved and will be submitted for your further consideration.

Two communications were received—one from Bow River Lodge No. 1, requesting that Grand Lodge give consideration to the establishment of a Home for Aged Masons. As this matter has been before Grand Lodge many times before, no action was taken but was once again referred to Grand Lodge.

The other communication was received from R.W. Bro. Charles Garnett (142), drawing attention to certain phrases in the "Charge to Entered Apprentices", which appears in the Book of Constitution and is used in the Canadian Rite. Bro. Garnett felt that these phrases had been incorporated by our English Brethren at a time when dual allegiance and Fifth Columnists were unheard of. He thought that the time had now arrived when we should consider whether these phrases should not be eliminated. After considerable discussion it was decided to request Bro. Garnett to bring these before his Lodge and, if they concurred in his opinion, to again submit the question to the Custodians of the Work, through the Grand Secretary, in order that the matter could be dealt with in a constitutional manner

Fraternally submitted.

H. B. MACDONALD,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83), seconded by R.W. Bro. LeRoy Bond (137), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

Grand Master:

At this time I would like to present commissions to the following Brethren as Grand Representatives:

R.W. Bro. W. Noble, Alabama.
V.W. Bro. W. G. Skene, Nevada.

R.W. Bro. H. G. Stretton, Idaho.
R.W. Bro. F. J. Kavanagh, Kansas.
R.W. Bro. J. Marsh, South Dakota.
W. Bro. G. Tremeer, South Carolina.

These are commissions presented to these Brethren on being appointed representatives near this Grand Lodge of Sister Grand Jurisdictions. In the case of R.W. B. Marsh it is South Dakota, and of W. Bro G. Tremeer, South Carolina.

W. Bro. G. Tremeer: M.W. Grand Master, I would first wish to express my appreciation to you as you have seen fit to nominate me to represent the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina. I will endeavor to fulfil those duties to the best of my ability, and to you, M.W. Sir, and to your Officers and the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend to one and all the warmest fraternal greetings. It will be with pleasure that I will advise the Grand Lodge of South Carolina that it was my pleasure and privilege to convey this message on their behalf.

Grand Master: I am very glad that you have accepted your appointments, and I wish you take them and write to your Grand Lodges and tell them about our session here and that you were here as their representatives.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

In submitting its annual report to this 44th Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, your Benevolent Committee desires to place on record the deep sense of loss sustained by the committee in the death of its President, Rt. Worshipful Bro. Frank V. Truesdale. Bro. Truesdale has served on your committee for many years and has rendered valuable service as President of this committee for a number of years. Since his retirement he devoted much time and thought to the work entrusted to your committee.

The beneficiaries under this fund are resident in England and in all parts of Canada, and the work constantly entails considerable correspondence on the part of the Secretary. Your committee has to depend on relief committees in other jurisdictions in obtaining reports on petitions submitted from time to time and for the assistance so willingly and frequently rendered, your committee wishes to express its grateful thanks.

During the year there has been in all 61 beneficiaries of this Grand Lodge who have directly received benefits during the course of the year to an aggregate amount of \$7,221.04. There are, at the present time, 50 beneficiaries on our Rolls. The trend of present day socialized legislation is a factor which enters into the work being done by your committee, and care has to be exercised that the rules and regulations passed under such socialized legislation are at all times carefully observed.

Your committee wishes to urge upon the Secretaries of all Lodges the necessity of giving prompt attention to all petitions which are presented to your committee and to all communications in connection therewith. In nearly every case these matters have been attended to promptly, but in one or two instances your committee has been embarrassed in dealing with applications coming in from Sister Jurisdictions. Any inattention to these matters is a reflection on the Grand Lodge and on the Craft generally.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. J. PETRIE,

Vice-President of Benevolent Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the report of the Benevolent Committee be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1948, to April 30th, 1949

Beneficiary	Amount	Beneficiary	Amount
Mrs. A. A.	\$ 120.00	Mrs. G. B. M.	\$ 180.00
Mrs. W. A.	180.00	Bro. W. B. M.	40.00
Bro. J. B.	60.00	Mrs. K. M.	10.00
Bro. E. A. B.	125.00	Bro. H. A. M.	125.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Mrs. D. M.	60.00
Mrs. M. M. C.	180.00	Bro. E. M. M.	60.00
Mrs. M. M. C.	60.00	Mrs. B. N.	44.00
Bro. A. C.	60.00	Bro. C. N.	54.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	171.00	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. M. D.	40.00	Mrs. R. N.	300.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	68.95	Bro. A. G. E. N.	300.00
Mrs. W. D.	60.00	Mrs. S. H. P.	120.00
Mrs. W. E.	95.00	Mrs. W. P.	120.00
Bro. R. D.	60.00	Bro. R. C. R.	90.00
Mrs. W. E.	95.00	Bro. O. R.	180.00
Bro. S. E. E.	120.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	441.38
Mrs. A. F.	120.00	Bro. C. A. R.	100.00
Bro. P. F.	65.00	Mrs. L. R.	240.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00	Bro. H. S.	90.00
Mrs. M. M. F.	125.00	Mrs. C. S.	157.50
Mrs. J. G.	120.00	Bro. A. G. S.	45.00
Mrs. R. G.	60.00	Bro. C. C. S.	180.00
Bro. B. M. G.	21.96	Bro. J. S.	60.00
Bro. W. G. G.	125.00	Mrs. H. S.	240.00
Mrs. F. G. H.	37.50	Mrs. W. J. T.	240.00
Mrs. J. G. H.	65.00	Mrs. F. S. W.	150.00
Bro. T. H.	110.00	Mrs. L. V. V.	115.00
Mrs. M. K.	105.00	Mrs. J. W.	180.00
Bro. R. K.	95.00	Mrs. W. W.	90.00

Mrs. P. M.	72.50	Mrs. W. W.	120.00
Mrs. M. M.	65.00	Bro. J. H. W.	120.00
Total Grants to Beneficiaries			\$7,233.79
Sundry Grants			52.25
			<u>\$7,286.04</u>
Less Contributions from Lodges			65.00
Total Grants			<u>\$7,221.04</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. G. M. and Brethren:

Regular meetings of the Board were held by this Committee during the year and all matters of the business of Grand Lodge carefully considered.

The balance due from the Lodges is up a little but this is caused only through one Lodge not paying the half yearly dues, and no doubt will be rectified very shortly.

The Auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and his report and financial statement covering the period is now in your hands.

All securities of the Grand Lodge have been inspected at the Bank and a list of same is included in the Auditor's statement.

Contract for the 1949 Proceedings has been let to The Albertan Job Press, and they promise good delivery. The price per page this year will be \$3.45. Last year we increased the number of copies to 675 but we find this year we have over 100 copies left and are therefore recommending that only 625 copies be printed this year. However, would recommend very sincerely to all Lodges that they read the Proceedings of Grand Lodge in open Lodge as suggested in the opening pages of the Proceedings. There is a vast wealth of information which every Master Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction should study in order that he may know how his Grand Lodge operates. We recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be increased \$400.00 per annum.

We recommend that M.W. Bro. William Ireland, C.A., appointed Auditor for the current year, be paid the sum of \$175.00 for his services.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 for attending the Grand Lodge Communication.

You will note by referring to the Financial Statement that we purchased \$20,000 worth of Ontario Hydro Electric on the account of your Capital Benevolent Fund Investments. We also purchased \$10,000

worth of Bonds for the Relief Fund and \$5,000.00 in Bonds for the General Fund. This now sets the General Fund Reserve account at the figure of \$14,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9). "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

BUDGET REVENUE

	1948-49	Actual	1949-50
Membership Fees	\$10,000.00	\$11,145.60	\$10,000.00
Initiation Fees	1,800.00	1,682.00	1,800.00
Certificate Fees	1,800.00	1,951.00	1,800.00
Affiliation — Alberta	\$146.00		
Affiliation — Foreign	91.00	200.00	237.00
Charter Fees			35.00
Dispensations	200.00	182.00	200.00
	\$14,000.00	\$15,232.60	\$14,000.00

EXPENDITURES

	1948-49	Actual	1949-50
Salaries	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,642.36	\$ 6,500.00
Rent and Light	1,140.00	1,290.00	1,320.00
Telephone and Telegrams	225.00	172.81	200.00
Postage and Express	600.00	575.00	600.00
Office Supplies and Printing	1,800.00	1,486.11	1,800.00
Exchange	75.00	66.30	75.00
Insurance	25.00	43.68	25.00
Gr. Master's Expense	1,000.00	1,004.35	1,200.00
Gr. Officers' Expense	1,500.00	771.68	1,300.00
Annual Communication—Edmonton	500.00	578.40	600.00
Presentation Regalia—Gr. Master	225.00	251.97	
Western Conference	500.00	363.55	500.00
Safety Deposit Box	20.00	22.50	22.50
Unemployment Insurance	35.00	42.55	45.00
Research and Education and the Bulletin	25.00		
Audit Fees	175.00	175.00	175.00
Assessment—All Can. Conference	150.00		200.00
	\$13,995.00	\$12,486.39	\$14,562.50

SUPERANNUATION OF GRAND SECRETARY

M. W. Bro. A. D. CUMMING:

Last year Grand Lodge voted that a pension fund for the Grand Secretary be set up—\$5,000 set up immediately and \$2,000 per year, but we have no instructions where to take that money from. We have built up over \$14,000 in the General Fund but if we happen to have a recession that will not last very long. I do not know if it is the desire of this Grand Lodge for the Finance Committee to decide where to take it from. We would like some direction. We did not set up the \$2,000 this year because we did not know where to get the money. I have suggested we take half from the General Fund and half from the Benevolent Fund. You also have \$2,000 per year to put into this fund every year and I think it fair that the General Fund cover half and the Benevolent Fund half.

Moved by M. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, seconded by R.W. Bro. D. W. Patterson. "That the funds for the pension scheme of the Grand Secretary be supplied, one half from the General Fund and one half from the Benevolent Fund"

Bro. H. M. HAMILTON. Jasper Park Lodge No. 143:

Does this mean a person could be Grand Secretary for one year, and then be pensioned for the rest of his life? What would qualify him to be pensioned? How many years' service?

GRAND MASTER:

You will have to go back a number of years for your answer. This is the beginning of a fund and your present Grand Secretary is not going to participate in this fund.

M.W. Bro. CUMMING:

If this brother would read his proceedings he would find on page 131 "Proceedings 1948", it is up to the Finance Board to decide what is just. If the Grand Secretary only worked a year and then retired I do not think there would be much justification in giving him a pension for life. It is up to Grand Lodge. The Grand Master then put the motion to the vote, which was carried.

GRAND MASTER:

Before we take up any more business I think we should take a tonic for our lunch. I have on my right a Very Worthy Brother who is visiting us from New Jersey, and I am going to ask him to give you greetings from his Grand Lodge at this time.

Address by R.W. Bro. ELLIOTT, Grand Historian of the
Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors and Members of this Grand Lodge, of which I have the honor of being Honorary Junior Grand Warden, I bring to you my greetings. I tried to get here last year, but could not make it. I planned to come with my wife this year, but she had to stay away at the last moment. It has been said I am on my way to B.C., but I am going to end my journey in Alberta. I expect to go to Banff, that beauty spot that I have spent many

happy days in, and hope to spend many happy days in the years to come. I will be going home next week, and hope to stop over at the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

I am here today with a very serious message for you. I received a tremendous shock when I read in your proceedings last year an address by M.W. B. Stormon of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota quoting a bulletin sent out by the Masonic Association, dealing with juvenile delinquency. That bulletin did not give New Jersey a really true chance at that problem. That report was received because we did not want to embarrass the man who made the report. But to you who heard the address and those who read the proceedings, and I hope you read them, you may think that the Masons of New Jersey have no heart for the youth of that Grand Jurisdiction. and although that was an adverse report, I want to inform you that we support them 100 per cent through De Molay, and through other activities. If we are not interested in the youth of today, God help the country; God help the world. They are our future men and we must give them all the help we can. They must be trained to face the frightful problems of the future.

I know if the Grand Lodge of New Jersey had a board of General Purposes as you have here, that report would never have been made to Grand Lodge. It would not pass the Board of General Purposes. I sat in your Board meeting yesterday and I felt the throb of it and I will tell our Grand Master and will continue to tell our Grand Masters if we will only revive what was once our Board of General Purposes, it is only called a committee, it would be a wonderful thing.

I congratulate the members of this Board of General Purposes. May you long continue, and I hope I will be spared to represent this Grand Lodge as Honorary Junior Grand Warden.

GRAND MASTER:

We were very glad that you were able to come and visit us at this time, and I would ask you to take back our very best wishes and fraternal greetings.

Lodge was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

First Day - - *Afternoon Session*

LABOUR RESUMED

Grand Lodge resumed Labour at 2.05 p.m.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives then presented their greetings and fraternal good wishes from their respective Grand Lodges. In reply, the Grand Master asked them to convey to their respective Grand Lodges hearty thanks for their kind fraternal greetings; that it was a pleasure to see so many here at this Grand Lodge and it was the sincere wish that the representatives would enjoy the two days and would report back to their respective Grand Lodges the highlights of this meeting.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master announced that one nomination only had been received for the office of Grand Master, that of R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, and it was with much pleasure that he declared R. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

GRAND MASTER:

I think we should take a few minutes out from the agenda and hear from our distinguished visitors. I would like at this time to call on my good friend the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, our Mother Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. H. Coddington. It was my good fortune and pleasure last week to attend their annual communication in the city of Winnipeg, and I assure you they had a most successful communication, largely attended, profitable and harmonious, and I assure you they treated me with the utmost kindness, and I cannot find words to express the hospitality, friendliness with which I was received. I am trying my best to entertain them on your behalf, Bro. Coddington, I would be pleased if you would give us your message and we are pleased to have them with us as honored guests. M.W. sage at this time.

M.W. Bro. CODDINGTON:

M.W. the Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and Brethren of the Alberta Grand Lodge: To me this is an occasion for which I feel doubly honoured. First that I am privileged to attend your Grand Lodge, and also to convey to you the heartiest fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful conference. We were more than delighted at our communication to have with us your M.W. Grand Master. We were sorry your good Grand Secretary was unable to be present with us, but realizing the amount of work he had on hand in order to prepare for this communication we realized the situation. Secondly I am delighted to be here and this may appear to you to be more of a personal matter than that of a general topic, but being here today I was privileged to meet an old school chum of mine, whom I had not met since 1906, and I refer to M.W. Bro. Archie West. We not only sat together in school, but were also in the same Sunday School class. I mention that just to let you see that in his youth he had a good background. What he has absorbed since 1906 I know nothing about, but apparently he must have continued his Sunday School lessons, or he would not have been recognized by this Grand Lodge. I am also delighted to think that at this time I am privileged to extend to R.W. Bro. Macdonald my hearty congratulations on his being elected to the office of Grand Master.

I know many of your brethren will notice that you have absent from the delegation of Manitoba a great and true friend of this Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey. As many of you know he suffered a very serious shock in his office on April 1st, and after being confined to the hospital for fifteen to eighteen days, we thought it best to put him out to pasture, so he would not have any worries on his mind, and I am pleased to say he is now with his daughter at Hamiota, and is improved in his health, and we hope with one or two months' rest he will be able to resume his duties. Just before I left I had a message from Peter. He wishes to convey his heartiest congratulations.

As I said. I am more than privileged to be here. I am glad of the opportunity to say a few words on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and also to bring you the regards of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. Pilkey.

GRAND MASTER:

Accompanying M.W. Bro. Coddington is R.W. Bro. Cole, the D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I would now ask him for a few words.

R.W. Bro. COLE:

M.W. Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta: It is almost exactly ten years ago I was in Calgary on a somewhat similar mission as I am today, and I took away with me a very vivid remembrance of the hospitality which you in Calgary and the Province of Alberta are noted for, and it was with the greatest pleasure but with a feeling of sorrow as M.W. Bro. Peter Pilkey would have been here, that I came. I am sorry on that account, but I am glad to come back to Calgary again. I had the pleasure at our annual communication in Winnipeg of meeting M.W. Bro. Henry. I would congratulate him on the way he conducted his Grand Lodge proceedings this morning. I am going to look forward to meeting with you again next year in Edmonton.

GRAND MASTER:

We have with us the D.G.M. from the State of North Dakota. It was my good fortune and privilege and pleasure to spend a few days with your Grand Master, M.W. B. Hunter. I saw him again in Winnipeg, but unfortunately he was unable to come to this communication, but he sent his good D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Pond. I am going to call upon him for his message.

R.W. Bro. Pond:

M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, past and present, Distinguished Visitors and Brethren: I have been overwhelmed with your hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. From the moment when I stepped off the plane at the airport last night, was paged over the loud-speaker system and met by your good Brother P.G.N. Ellis and J.G. W. Empey, I have been deeply impressed with your hospitality, with your graciousness and your kindness. I am sure I will enjoy every moment of my stay with you, and it is only with regret that I think not all of you can be in attendance at the session of our Grand Lodge, which meets in Fargo, North Dakota, on June 20th to 22nd.

It is my pleasure to bring the greetings of M.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter, and with them the greetings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and over and beyond that is my pleasure to bring you the personal greetings of a Mason who is known in every Grand Jurisdiction of the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America, M. W. Bro. Walter J. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. It was my privilege to travel with him last week over the state and when he left me he said: "Will you bring my very sincere greetings to the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Tell them it is with regret I am unable to visit them this year."

Nothing would have pleased me more and I know how pleased

you would be if Brother Walter could have accompanied me here.

My appearance at the Grand Lodge of Alberta means more to us than just appearing as the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. It means the meeting of many more brother Masons in this Grand Dominion. I have been familiar with parts of the Dominion for years. I have friends and relatives in Toronto, and it is almost a second home to me. I have visited in Montreal and Winnipeg, and now it is a special pleasure to greet you here in the Province of Alberta.

One of the first duties that will evolve on me if, and when, I am elevated to the Grand East, will be to preside over a meeting on Masonic Island in Lake Matigooche. There every summer we hold what we call International Sessions on Masonic Island. At that meeting, which will be held in July, there will be 500 to 600 Masons, if the weather is good. More than half of them will come from the Province of Manitoba and the rest from North Dakota. We will mingle together and enjoy ourselves as only Masons can. These things indicate to me more and more the tie which is being drawn between the citizens of the Great Dominion and the citizens of the United States, and more and more we are learning the significance of the wording that is placed on the memorial stone in Peace Park:

"As long as men shall live on this
earth, we shall not take up arms
against each other."

There is a great sentiment in that, brethren. It is something we will have to think about if we are going to our duties as Master Masons in the world. Someone said the other night that where people know each other it is easy to have peace. We have found this out in North America. We have learned what it is to know each other; to live together and to work together. But that is not enough. We must carry it further than that. When we think of what has happened on the continent of Europe during the last ten years, when we know many have been lost because of that influence that comes from behind the Iron Curtain, we know we must so live, act and perform our duties, that we can carry the doctrines of brotherly love, relief and truth not only to the continent of Europe, but beyond that. Some way we must learn to know those people behind that Iron Curtain. It cannot be done by war. It must be done by learning to know them. That is a gigantic undertaking, that is the challenge, the task that is placed before the English-speaking Masons of the world today. Unless we fulfil that opportunity there will never be peace. But if we do, I am satisfied some way, somehow, we can bring perpetual peace.

I bring you best wishes for success in the remaining hours of this communication, and it is a great pleasure to meet with you today.

GRAND MASTER:

I ask you to return our best wishes and fraternal greetings to your Grand Master.

We have two distinguished visitors from our neighboring province of Saskatchewan. I met M.W. Bro. Wilson at the Banff Conference last year and I saw him installed as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I am asking him to speak to us now.

M.W. Bro. WILSON:

M.W. Grand Master. Distinguished Guests and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta: I bring to you the greetings and good wishes of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I know that these greetings have been conveyed to you on many occasions, but I am glad of the opportunity of being here today and further cementing the close fraternal relations which have existed between our grand jurisdictions. I have looked forward for a good many years to this visit with you, and I am thoroughly enjoying my experience. They sometimes say that anticipation is much better than realization, but I can assure you my realized pleasure is very, very much greater than the anticipated pleasure.

I have known through the Banff Conference and other Masonic functions some of your Past Grand Masters, your Grand Master, your Deputy Grand Master and your Grand Senior Warden, and last but not least, your Grand Secretary. I value and appreciate that association to the fullest extent.

M.W. Grand Master. I know you have had a very busy but a very happy and successful year. Your brethren of Saskatchewan congratulate you on your success. To you, R.W. Bro. Macdonald, Master Elect, we extend our congratulations and wish for you a similar year of success and profit. We look forward to having you with us at our Grand Communication next year.

I just want to say how much I have appreciated the many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me during the past two days. I would say you are too kind, and particularly that refers to M.W. Bro. Botterill and your Grand Master. Everywhere I looked I looked into the beaming countenances of these brethren. I again thank you for your kindness, and I assure you they are appreciated by the Grand Master of Saskatchewan.

GRAND MASTER:

Thank you, M.W. Bro. Wilson. The next speaker we are to hear from is R.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He needs no introduction to many of our members in Grand Lodge, because he has visited us many times. At one time he was our guest speaker at our banquet. I am sure he would not feel at home unless we called on him to speak, because he loves to speak. I am going to give him the opportunity now.

R.W. Bro. TATE:

I appreciate very much indeed the privilege of again being present and shaking that hand of welcome that you so generously extend here in Alberta. I convey my personal congratulations to R.W. Bro. Macdonald on his election. I express my very grateful appreciation for the hospitality extended so generously.

I am not going to take any of your time, but I would like to leave one thought with you. I personally owe a tremendous debt to Freemasonry. I suggest you all owe an individual debt you will never repay. That is the opportunity Freemasonry extends to you of making friends, the finest friends in the world. It is a real thrill to come here and be called by your first name. It makes you feel you are

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

(Omitted from Proceedings of Second Day, Morning Session)

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Arising out of the discussion, after presentation of this Committee's Report at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, relative to collective lowering and raising of Candidates in the Third Degree, and after careful perusing of the correspondence submitted by some of the constituent Lodges working in the Canadian Rite, your Committee feel that they can only re-affirm their decision of last year, viz., that each candidate must be raised separately.

Regarding extra copies of the "Work", we wish to confirm our ruling as contained in the letter of the Chairman of July, 1948, to the Grand Secretary, that each Canadian Rite Lodge be authorized to receive five copies of the "Work" instead of three as in the past. Your Committee also rules that the same numbers of copies of the "Work" shall apply to Lodges working under the "Ancient York" Rite.

We have received the usual minor questions which have been ruled on, and cleared through the Grand Secretary's office and which we believe have been satisfactory to the Constituent Lodges concerned.

We would again bring to the attention of the Brethren the procedure to be followed in obtaining a ruling on the "Work" and quote from the latter part of Sec. 122 of the Constitution: "Any request for ruling or answer to inquiry shall be made in writing under the seal of a Lodge and the official reply thereto shall emanate from the office of the Grand Secretary.

We wish to express our appreciation for the co-operation we have received from the Constituent Lodges and for the manner in which they have closely followed "The Work" in both Rites.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN MARTLAND, Chairman.
GEORGE F. ELLIS.
F. WHITFIELD.

Resolved on Motion of M. W. Brother John Martland (63), seconded by R. W. Brother F. Whitfield (7), that the Report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted.

among friends. I extend to you best wishes for a most successful communication.

GRAND MASTER:

I am sure we have all enjoyed the messages from these two guests. We are always glad to have visitors. We are glad to see them come and come again. We are sorry when leave us, and I ask them to return at the first opportunity. I thank you all.

R.W. Bro. J. P. MARSH, Medicine Hat:

It was my privilege about six weeks ago to visit the Grand Lodge of England. There I met with M.W.B. Sidney White, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, a most charming and very, very busy little man. He asked me if I would convey to you and the Officers of Grand Lodge and any Mason in the Dominion of Canada the thanks of the Masons of England for the splendid work our Masons did in sending monies over to England. I might say that his Secretary who did most of the work for the Grand Secretary, is one of forty secretaries. He asked me if I would convey his thanks, and I am taking this opportunity to do so.

M.W. Bro. HENRY:

We are glad to have your message from the Grand Lodge of England.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAR DISTRESS AND REHABILITATION

Calgary, June 3rd, 1949.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In the year 1944, the then Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Russell Bradley, established Committees within this Grand Jurisdiction—one in Edmonton and one in Calgary, for the purpose of giving assistance to Brethren who were being discharged from the Armed Forces, and the sons and daughters of Brethren who had served in the Armed Forces, and were about to be discharged. The committee for the southern area, which functioned from Calgary, consisted of Right Worshipful Brother Fred Parker, Worshipful Brother S. Bird and Right Worshipful Brother George W. Bureau.

Annual Reports, which can be read in the Proceedings for each successive year since 1944, will signify that this committee functioned actively until about a year ago, when at that time the heavy part of our Rehabilitation and Re-establishment work was over, and for the last year the committee has encountered only the occasional case requiring counsel and assistance in the matter of adjustment in the return to civil life.

Experience shows that during the flush years of '45 and '46 and a greater part of '47, many problems were brought to the attention of the committee, and much valuable help was given, in accordance with the desires of Most Worshipful Brother Bradley, when he estab-

lished the committee, and which was re-appointed annually by succeeding Grand Masters.

Most of the committee's work consisted of guidance and counselling. Only twice were they required to ask the Grand Lodge for money on behalf of a veteran Brother to accomplish their work. In both instances, the financial assistance achieved the object towards which it was directed, but it might be truthfully said that the committee's most valuable help was accomplished in assisting our Brethren from the Armed Services by way of advice and direction. During the committee's efforts close contact was maintained by the committee men, with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, business men, industrial concerns, as well as civic, municipal and provincial officials and departments.

After four years of work, the necessity for this committee seems to have diminished to a point where the Brethren of the Committee feel that they should recommend to this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge the retirement of its personnel, hoping that it has made some contribution to the Craft and its noble work, and assuring the Most Worshipful Grand Master and any of his successors that the committee is willing to answer the call of the Chair at any time, should there be further work to be done along the lines of assisting our Masonic Brethren from the Armed Forces.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. BUREAU, Chairman.
FRED PARKER.
S. BIRD.

Moved by R.W. Bro. George Bureau (134), seconded by R.W. Bro. Fred Parker (9), "That the report of the Committee on War Distress and Rehabilitation be received and adopted."

R.W. Bro. H. B. MACDONALD:

I think that before the Committee on War Distress and Rehabilitation is discharged we should put on the books a resolution of appreciation to R.W. Bro. George Bureau and his committee for the very excellent work they have done over the past years. They have given a great deal of their time and have done a splendid job for Masonry. I have much pleasure in making this resolution.

M.W. Bro. R. J. BRADLEY:

I know the time they put into the work and something of the results that have been accomplished, and only the kind of work put into it could have resulted in the good work that was done for the boys who did so much for us. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the committee.

GRAND MASTER:

At 4.00 p.m. today I am declaring the ballot boxes closed. I trust there are no Masons here who have not voted. We will now have the report on the Condition of Masonry.

R.W. Bro. H. B. MACDONALD:

Before I proceed with this report I think I should take this opportunity of expressing to my Brethren my thanks for the great honor they have conferred on me by electing me to Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

I realize the office carries with it heavy responsibilities, but relying on the generous support and co-operation of all Brethren, I shall undertake that office and shall endeavour to serve the interests of Masonry in this province.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the guest speakers who extended good wishes, and I want to assure them that one of my aims will be to maintain the friendly relations that exist between the Grand Jurisdictions on the North American continent.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry is happy to report that a most satisfactory year has just been concluded from the standpoint of membership, statistics, financial progress and fraternal relations. Your committee has given careful thought to the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s and find many interesting and constructive suggestions, showing that the D.D.G.M.'s take the duties of their office seriously and endeavour to render faithful assistance to the different Lodges in their Districts. These reports show the utmost harmony prevailing in all Lodges. It is most gratifying to note that not a single charge of un-Masonic conduct occurred in any Lodge throughout the Jurisdiction, nor was any disciplinary action necessary by the Grand Master. May this ideal state of brotherly fellowship long continue.

The Financial Statistics of all Lodges will be found in the Grand Secretary's Report.

MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of 1948 our membership stood at 13,727 and, during the year, there was a net increase of 609, as shown herewith:

Initiated	839
Passed	852
Raised	862
Affiliated	241
Reinstated	74
	1154
Demitted	257
S.N.P.D.	71
Passed on	217
	545
Increase	609

At the close of the year the membership of all Lodges in our Jurisdiction stood at 14,336. The increase in membership is one of the outstanding features of all D.D.G.M.'s reports and indicates the necessity for careful selection of members and proper instruction of those being brought into our Fraternity. A heavy responsibility rests on the sponsors of new members, and they should seriously assume the duties of sponsorship.

On the whole Lodge Secretaries were co-operative and prompt in making returns to the Grand Lodge Office. One Lodge, however, failed to submit returns or answer letters from the Grand Lodge Office until representations had been made to the D.D.G.M. Due to bad roads he was unable to visit the Lodge but sent two P.D.D.G.M.'s from Edmonton to investigate. These Brethren spoke to the Lodge on the necessity of sending in their returns to Grand Lodge Office and replying to letters sent to them dealing with the same. Promises were made by the Lodge Officers to conform to the Constitutional requirements. Following their visit the Semi-Annual Returns were sent in, incomplete, and since that time no answer can be obtained by the Grand Secretary to his letters, or the information asked for obtained. Consequently, no Master Mason Certificates have been issued until this information is forthcoming.

It is recommended that the incoming Deputy Grand Master pay this Lodge a visit and investigate further the causes underlying their neglect and to make a special report to the Grand Master on the situation.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Your committee note that very little attention has been given to Masonic Education of new members. Most Lodges are too busy with ritualistic work and social entertainment to take sufficient interest in the welfare and education of new members now flocking into our Order. It is a sad commentary on our beautiful teachings that so many are coming into our ranks and, after receiving our Degrees, fail to show further interest or become actively engaged in the real work of Freemasonry. Our strength, of course, is not in numbers nor in bank accounts nor in costly buildings. Neither is it in the names of men found written upon our membership rolls. Our strength and its value to the community and nation alike lies in practising a way of life so rooted in justice, honor, truth, faith and charity that these qualities are known as the distinguishing marks of Master Masons everywhere. A lodge composed of such men in any community, even though few in number, becomes a powerful force for demonstrating the benefits of Masonic Brotherhood.

Our members, if properly inspired with Masonic Principles, could do much to improve conditions. Your committee recommend that greater attention be given to Masonic education, particularly to new members. It is not enough to give members the three Degrees and then expect them to develop into good Masons. If this is all our Lodges can do for a new member, then our Lodge soul is badly eroded and no real spiritual growth can be expected. Freemasonry, like Truth, is eternal and its Principles are unchangeable. It is a way of life. The Principles have not changed throughout the years nor has man's need of them lessened, but your committee feel that the Lodges are

failing to properly instruct and educate our Brethren so that they may become inspired with the teachings of our Order. Your committee believe that no matter how well informed or highly educated our new members may be they still require Masonic education if they are to become valuable members of our Fraternity.

It is only proper that the Worshipful Master in each Lodge should look to Grand Lodge for leadership in this regard and we recommend that instructive educational matter be supplied all Lodges and that Masters be urged to make use of the material available from Grand Lodge. We recommend that an Educational Committee be set up in all Lodges.

GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Your committee is happy to report that the circulation of the Grand Lodge Bulletin is steadily increasing. Many Lodges supply their entire membership with copies and we recommend the more general use of the Bulletin so that eventually every Freemason will receive the benefit of the valuable information contained in this well-edited publication.

BANFF CONFERENCE

Your committee commend the work of the Inter-Provincial Conference of the Officers of the Western Grand Lodges, A. F. & A. M., held at Banff in September of each year. This Conference is a splendid training place for Junior Grand Lodge Officers in preparing them for their future Masonic activities. It is also valuable in the amount of information which it supplies to all Lodges and it is a source of satisfaction to note from the report of the D.D.G.M.'s that use of this material has been made in the discharge of their official duties. Your committee would suggest earlier distribution of the Proceedings of the Conference and more extensive use of the material among Lodges.

ALL-CANADA LODGE CONFERENCE

The All-Canada Grand Lodge Conference held at Toronto on February 28th, March 1st and 2nd, 1949, was an epoch-making event. It was the first Conference of its kind in Canada and this assembly of Grand Lodge Officials, with the interchange of ideas pertinent to Masonic conditions in all Grand Jurisdictions across Canada, will be of great worth in improving the general good of our Order. The Grand Master will report more fully on this Conference.

NEW LODGES

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 163 at Mirror is again in full operation. It was constituted and consecrated on October 1st, 1948. This Lodge was amalgamated in 1939 with Alix Lodge but the members wished to revive their own Lodge. This is a small Lodge, of which there are several similar Lodges in our Jurisdiction. If these small Lodges are to function successfully the officers and members must give particular attention to their duties and, particularly, to sponsorship of new members. They must be constantly on guard to see that our high Masonic Principles are maintained and upheld. In every District there are men of high calibre who would make good Masons; therefore, only the best material should be accepted into any Lodge.

Gateway Lodge, Edmonton.—This Lodge has been under Dispensation for nearly a year and is making good progress. The Committee on Charters and New Lodges will no doubt be making a recommendation regarding the granting of a Charter.

Your committee note from the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s that many of our City Lodges are now becoming so large that lodge rooms are taxed to capacity to accommodate their numbers, particularly on special nights. Your committee suggest that careful consideration be given to the formation of new lodges, especially by some of our larger bodies. This would create Masonic work of an interesting character by giving older and more experienced members of the Lodge an opportunity for sponsorship of new Lodges and their Officers and your committee feel that more Lodges, with smaller memberships, would create greater interest in an ever-widening field of Masonic service.

It is noted in the Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s that the percentage of attendance at many of our Lodge meetings is very small, and your committee believe that smaller Lodges would do much to change this condition

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The District Meetings were well attended. Your committee note with pleasure that the M.W. the Grand Master Dr. William A. Henry attended nearly all District Meetings during the year, accompanied by our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore. Their presence at these meetings did much for the good of Masonry and the address of the Grand Master was always a source of great inspiration and encouragement to the Brethren. The "Papers" in all cases were well prepared and provided much discussion, showing that there is real interest in the place which Freemasonry must take in our ever-changing world picture.

YELLOWKNIFE

Your committee is gratified to note from the Report of R.W. Bro. Charles E. Garnett, Grand Master's Special Representative, that Yellowknife Lodge—the most northerly Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction, is in so flourishing a condition. Its establishment in that mining centre has had the approval of all, irrespective of creed or race. The following unique incident graphically depicts the all-encompassing tolerance of the people of that Northland:

Last year one of the revered Brethren of Yellowknife Lodge suddenly passed away. He was beloved by all and, in the absence of a Protestant clergyman, Father Gathey conducted the funeral service. It was a most impressive one. His sermon was non-sectarian and he expressed the spirit of the citizens of that small community in these words:

"One thing the life of this North does teach is sympathy for, and tolerance of, the opinions of others, to the greater honor and glory of God whom we all are pledged to serve."

How well these words express the universality of true Brotherhood and perhaps this incident heralds the coming of a new day when Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will be the basis of one common faith, resulting in greater good to mankind.

LODGE OFFICERS

While the Principles and teachings of Freemasonry have not changed with the years it is, nevertheless, important that Lodge meetings and Masonic work in the Lodge be conducted in an up-to-date and interesting manner, keeping abreast with the march of progress. They should open promptly on the hour as announced in the notice calling the meeting. It is not fair for late-comers to expect those who are punctual in attendance to await their coming.

It is important that every Lodge be under strong leadership. It is expecting a lot of a Brother, without previous experience, to assume the multiple duties of a Worshipful Master without some instruction regarding the responsibilities of his office. A Master is expected to be fully qualified to conduct meetings, confer degrees and provide interesting programmes for each Lodge Member. Your committee feel, therefore, that he should have not only the assistance which he may receive at all times from Grand Lodge, but we believe that a School of Instruction for incoming Masters should be held in districts throughout the Jurisdiction, and we recommend that a Committee of Grand Lodge be formed to give consideration to this important matter and submit their finding to the next Grand Lodge Communication.

Grand Lodge has recently prepared a book giving useful information and instructions to the Master of the Lodge, and your committee urge all Masters to make use of this book and follow the valuable suggestions contained therein. Copies may be obtained from the Grand Secretary.

We are most fortunate in having as Grand Secretary M.W. Bro. George Moore, who is so well qualified to give assistance to Masters and Secretaries with respect to the conduct of the affairs of their Lodge. He also has a background of Masonic information of which all Lodge officials should avail themselves. Your committee commend the excellent work he is doing as our Grand Secretary.

Your committee wish to express their keen appreciation of the time and energy expended in the work of Freemasonry by the D.D. G.M.'s during the past year. They have fulfilled their duties faithfully in visiting the Lodges under their charge and we have pleasure in recommending that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following Brethren:

- No. 1—R.W. Bro. John Stanley Hodgson (59), Calgary.
- No. 2—R.W. Bro. Joseph P. Marsh (2), Medicine Hat.
- No. 3—R.W. Bro. A. E. Michael (129), Stony Plain.
- No. 4—R.W. Bro. Ernest Ross (51), Rocky Mountain House.
- No. 5—R.W. Bro. W. H. Riley (62), Rosalind.
- No. 6—R.W. Bro. Walter Frantzen (17), Nanton.
- No. 7—R.W. Bro. Paul Jones (4), Lethbridge.
- No. 8—R.W. Bro. Samuel McDowell (86), Blairmore.
- No. 9—R.W. Bro. W. H. Brocklesby (120), Kirriemuir.
- No. 10—R.W. Bro. C. G. Torrance (38), Manville.
- No. 11—R.W. Bro. Donald Delmar McQueen (74), Vulcan.
- No. 12—R.W. Bro. J. Stanley Govenlock (153), Whitecourt.
- No. 13—R.W. Bro. Gordon Hull (147), Fairview.
- No. 14—R.W. Bro. Thos. James McKeage (82), Youngstown.

No. 15—R.W. Bro. James Hume (76), Bashaw.
 No. 16—R.W. Bro. L. Poxon (107), Carbon
 No. 17—R.W. Bro. E. H. Targett (244), Irma.
 No. 18—R.W. Bro. Oliver C. Smith (83), Calgary.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. B. MACDONALD,
 Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald (83), seconded by M.W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51). "That the report of the committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER:

I would like to see every member receive a copy of the Bulletin. I would like to see it read in every Lodge.
 R.W. Bro. NORMAN JACK, Colinton:

I know that we usually get good reports from the various committees, but when we have received one such as we have just received, I think it warrants a more generous display of our approval. I have never heard a better report. (Applause.)

GRAND MASTER:

I will now name the Committee of Scrutineers:

M.W. Bro. W. Ireland, Chairman,	W. Bro. Lloyd McPhee
and the following Brethren:	M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley
M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith	R.W. Bro. R. Lawrence
R.W. Bro. L. D. Nicoll	R.W. Bro. W. Betts
R.W. Bro. J. Booth	R.W. Bro. J. Patterson
R.W. Bro. J. Little	V.W. Bro. M. Brodie
R.W. Bro. Paul Jones	W. Bro. G. Tremeer
V.W. Bro. D. Ward	W. Bro. Alex Morice
W. Bro. J. Begg	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that in accordance with the instructions approved by Grand Lodge in last year's report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, they have reviewed the official acts of the Grand Master during the current year and approved the same:

The following ruling was made by him and also approved:

QUESTION: Is the Collective Ballot permissible—that is
 --One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates?

ANSWER: No—An Individual Ballot must be taken on
 each Candidate —where several Ballot boxes are used with the

name of the applicant plainly marked on each box—this is considered an Individual Ballot.

Fraternally submitted,
A. D. CUMMING,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (234), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Two cases have been referred to your Committee:

Case No. 20—This Brother, an Entered Apprentice, was suspended indefinitely by his Lodge for UN-Masonic Conduct in 1940. Application was made to Grand Lodge in 1945 to have this sentence altered to expulsion, which was done. In 1948 his Lodge made application to have the sentence of expulsion lifted and have him restored to membership. Your committee considered the question with care at that time and decided to defer its recommendation until this year. After considerable further consideration your committee finds itself unable to concur in the request for the lifting of this sentence, and recommends that the expulsion stand.

Case No. 29—This Brother was tried by his Lodge on December 15th, 1947, on a charge of Un-Masonic Conduct and the Lodge voted to have him expelled. The matter came before your committee last year and the committee recommended that action be deferred for one year. That time having elapsed and the statutory requirements having been met, your committee now recommends that this Brother be expelled.

Fraternally submitted,
F. P. GALBRAITH,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29), seconded by M.W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address take pleasure in

presenting herewith their comments on the excellent address presented on his activities during his year of office.

The Grand Master does well to dwell on the aims and purposes of the Grand Lodge, and we wish to commend him for his frequent reiterations of the vital principles of Freemasonry, for no organization can live in this world of suffering and confusion without keeping constantly before it a clearly defined and worthy philosophy. Let us further point out that the Grand Master has proven his most modest self, a shining exemplification of the characteristics which form the moral foundation of our benevolent fraternity.

He is to be commended for sacrificing his valuable time and seemingly limitless energy by attending 16 of the 18 Masonic District meetings, and a great many of the Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. The results of which can be readily seen in an increase in membership and revived interest in Masonic Education.

We criticize only his apology for having missed two District meetings. We deem it a wise and far-sighted policy to acquaint his Deputy Grand Master with the great demands of the exalted position which he has so ably filled.

We commend the Grand Master for his observations on the apparent lack of specific purpose in District Meetings, and his recommendation that Brethren study seriously his well-considered suggestions for their improvement.

His words of counsel on financial prudence are highly appreciated, even the wisest of us being prone to over-optimism of the business tide.

We mourn, with the Grand Master, the passing of two most eminent Grand Lodge Officers—M.W. Bro. S. M. Snedden and R.W. Bro. Frank Truesdale.

The ruling of the Grand Master regarding the mass balloting of candidates, having been approved by this Grand Lodge and the Committee on Jurisprudence, your committee concur in his ruling.

We note with pleasure the Grand Master's report on his visit to the All-Canada Conference held in Toronto, and that he was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and M.W. Bro. A. D. Cummings, who presided as Chairman of the Conference.

We are pleased that the Grand Master was able to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. We feel that such visits go far toward cementing the bonds of fraternal friendships among the Grand Jurisdictions of our Order.

We congratulate the Grand Master on his attendance at the Inter-Provincial Conference held at Banff, of which he is Vice-President. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary submitted papers on Masonic subjects, which are available to all members of Constituent Lodges.

Finally, the Address of the Grand Master indicates a very successful year of office.

"Beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in Duty to God and Man."

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,
Chairman.
Sgd., W. J. BOTTERILL
A. D. CUMMINGS.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29). "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, June 7th, 1949.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence have pleasure in presenting their report.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of copies of Proceedings of the many Grand Lodges throughout the world with whom we are in fraternal relations. These have been reviewed and appear as an appendix to our printed Proceedings and trust the matters discussed therein will prove of much interest to the Brethren.

Your committee received applications for reciprocal Fraternal Relations from the following Grand Bodies:

The National Grand Lodge of Sweden at Stockholm, Sweden.
The Grand East of The Netherlands, Holland.
Grande Loja Simbolica de Minas Gerais, Brazil.
Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary, Budapest.
Serenissima Gran Loggia D'Italia, Or di Bari.
Supreme Council of the 33rd and Last Degree for Yugoslavia.
Grand Loja Simbolica do Rio Granda do Sul, Brazil.
Gran Logia Masoneria Del Uruguay.
Gran Logia De La Masoneria, Argentina.
Gran Logia de Cuba.

In considering these applications your committee feel that in the case of Latin-American Grand Bodies the situation has not become clarified to enable them to make any recommendations and suggest that these be allowed to lie on the table.

The committee recommend that we extend fraternal recognition to the National Grand Lodge of Sweden, and the Grand East of The

Netherlands, and that an exchange of Representatives be established.

So far as concerns the other European Grand Lodges seeking recognition, we feel that the information at hand is too scant to permit of entertaining their request and that these be filed until a more satisfactory report on conditions in their respective countries is available.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND, Chairanm.
ARCHIE WEST
S. HARRIS
F. KAVANAGH

Resolved on motion by M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), and seconded by M.W. Bro. A. West (7), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

The petition of Gateway Lodge U.D. of Edmonton that a Charter be granted to them at this Communication of Grand Lodge, has been referred to this committee for consideration.

The books of the Lodge have been inspected and a favourable recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master has been received and we now recommend that a Charter be granted to this Lodge.

We further recommend that the incoming District Deputy Grand Master give special attention and all possible assistance to this Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. EMPEY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. W. Empey (52), seconded by R.W. Bro. H. Bell (53), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

M.W. Bro. CONNACHER:

It is the usual custom of the various communications of Grand Lodge to send a message through the proper channels, expressing the loyalty of the Freemasons of Alberta to His Majesty the King, and I have much pleasure in moving that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send such a message. This was seconded by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill.

In putting the motion to the vote, the Grand Master said: "I know you will all be delighted with your motion to send a message to His Majesty the King, assuring him of the loyalty of the Freemasons of Alberta."

The motion was Carried with prolonged applause.

In due course, the Grand Secretary forwarded the following mes-

sage to His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, R.W. Bro. J. C. Bowen, to be forwarded to the Secretary of State:

"The Freemasons of the Grand Lodge of Alberta assembled in Annual Communication, humbly desire to assure His Majesty the King of their loyalty and devotion, and express the hope that the principles of freedom and justice so long enjoyed by the peoples of the Empire, be maintained and extended until they embrace the peoples of all lands throughout the world."

COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren:

After receiving the report of your Grand Secretary, the committee decided at the outset to congratulate him on the excellence of his report and to express their appreciation for the splendid work he has done, both in season and out of season the past year, on behalf of your Grand Lodge.

The Report when studied closely shows the care and attention exercised by your Grand Secretary in all the ramifications and multifarious duties he is called upon to carry out between one Grand Lodge and the next.

During the year your Grand Secretary engrossed and issued 823 Master Mason Certificates, 72 Life Membership Certificates and 153 Past Masters' Certificates, a total of 1,048 Certificates, which is quite an under taking in itself.

It is very satisfactory to note that all Constituent Lodges have paid their annual fees and dues. It is also interesting to find the addition of 1,194 members, which, after deducting the loss of 545, leaves a net gain of 609.

We note with pleasure that at long last both the elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge are to be clothed in new regalia.

Your Grand Secretary was again able to accompany the Grand Master at all District Meetings and his presence would be a source of edification to all the Brethren present, particularly during the "Open Forum" period.

His presence at the Western Conference as well as the "First" Conference of Grand Lodges of British North America will rebound to the benefits of the Grand Lodge and will be invaluable in the future.

We would reiterate the advice given by the Grand Secretary regarding the full use of the handbook for "The Use of the Master of the Lodge", issued to each Lodge during the past year and stresses the great need for a careful study and the application of its contents.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN MARTLAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. John Martland (63), seconded by M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER:

I thank you for your co-operation and your splendid attention this afternoon. We have come along very well indeed. I am now going to call off and we will reconvene at the banquet table at 6.00 p.m. sharp. You have fifteen minutes before I declare the ballot closed. Will any member who has not deposited his ballot kindly do so at once.

Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment at 3.45 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A banquet was held in the Crystal Room of the Hotel Palliser, with some 400 members in attendance.

The guest speaker of the evening was Bro. the Rev. T. R. Davies of Edmonton. Rev. Bro. Davies took part in World War II as an Army Chaplain and spent five years on the beach-head at Normandy, and his experiences during that time were very arduous and frequently gruesome. He also was wounded, and his opportunity for studying men and movements has been great indeed. The subject of his address was "Masonry Makes Men of Dignity."

ADDRESS

By the Rev. Bro. T. R. DAVIES, Edmonton.

"Masonry Makes Men of Dignity"

It would be very thoughtless of me if I were to omit thanking you, M.W. Sir, for the great honour which you and the Brethren have bestowed on me in asking me to be the guest speaker for this occasion. I have wondered why I was chosen. I hope that before the address is over none of you will be wondering the same thing.

My theme is "Masonry Makes Men of Dignity". Will you pardon a few personal remarks at the beginning? I make them because they will provide the framework around which my message can be built.

It is almost five years since I was with a group of Canadians on the Normandy beach-head. Those were very difficult days. Progress was very slow and very costly. Serving as a chaplain, my days were often gruesome. I was with the Cameron Highlanders when they made the assault on the little village of St. Andre-sur-Orne. For several days we were held up in an orchard outside of this village. We were in slit trenches and the enemy tried desperately to dislodge us. The casualties were heavy and much of my time had to be spent in the sad task of burying the dead. I wanted a memento of those days and especially of the friends who had made the supreme sacrifice; so so I began a project at St. Andre which reached the culmination only a few months ago.

There were many ruined churches in the Normandy villages. What had been stone walls were now heaps of rubble. Fragments

of glass from the windows were scattered through the debris. Some of this glass was beautiful and sparkled in the sunlight. One evening I picked up a piece and put it in my tunic pocket. That night I put a piece of adhesive tape around it and marked the date, the place and the names of my friends who had lost their lives that day. It seemed like a fitting thing to do and as the days passed I made this a practice. As my collection grew I saw that the occasion might come when these fragments could be assembled to form a fitting memorial to the men who gave their lives in World War II.

I had a number of interesting experiences while gathering these pieces of glass. One evening I wandered by myself around a churchyard. When I found a piece of glass I pocketed it and returned to my sleeping quarters. The following morning our patrols found seven "Jerries" in the area. They were very frightened and if I had known that they were there the evening before there would have been eight frightened men instead of seven.

When we approached the Falaise Gap, the enemy was pulling out very quickly and there was no fighting to cause destruction in the village of Gouvix. As we passed the church we noticed that the windows were unbroken. The medical officer, with whom I was riding, suggested that he could send one of his men with a brick so that I could add to my collection. I rejected his offer. Later, I decided to wander around the church to see if there were any broken panes. I was lucky enough to find a few small fragments that had fallen from a window in the church balcony. I gathered these and returned to the regimental aid post. When the medical officer saw that I had my souvenirs, he commented: "Padre, I didn't think you would do it." I tried to convince him that I hadn't used a brick myself. The following day this medical officer was killed and these fragments from Gouvix have become a memorial to a gallant medical officer and an excellent companion.

Throughout the campaign in Northwest Europe I continued the project and gathered hundreds of fragments. I also collected a few pieces of shrapnel but this was neither so interesting nor so comfortable. A few months ago, the glass was assembled and now forms a memorial in Highland United Church, Edmonton. I have told you of this project because it will help you to remember three qualities upon which human dignity is based:

(1) The glass in the memorial window is very old. It will remind us that we have to pay some attention to the past. Our country is new and we are not inclined to pay much attention to history. In my travels I noticed that European people are more conscious of history. They are so close to it that it seems to be a part of them and gives them a different sense of value. Our pre-occupation with the present makes us emphasize the wrong things. At the end of the last century, Mark Twain, writing to his friend Walt Whitman, told of the accomplishments of the century that was closing—the steam engine, the steamboat, the telegraph, etc. To Mark Twain these things were signs that man was reaching full stature. Little did he realize that all these technical improvements would be used within a few short years in the destruction of people. A true appreciation of history will remind us that technical improvements and gadgets do not

represent the essential contribution of the past. Man shows that he has reached his full stature by his ability to control himself and not by his ability to control things. A proper attention to the past will remind us of the measure of freedom that has been achieved and of the individuality that can grow only in the soil of freedom. Man becomes a dignified creature only when he is aware of the importance of these spiritual qualities, freedom and individuality.

(2 The glass in the memorial window is from foreign countries. It is easy for us to feel self-sufficient in this new land, to feel that everything that we have is ours simply because we have been resourceful, because we have fought with the soil, pushed back the natural frontiers. It is easy for us to forget that foreign countries have made and continue to make contributions to our manner of living. Gilbert Murray reminds us of some of the things that Europe has contributed to this country and it is interesting to note that he emphasizes not the technical things mentioned by Mark Twain, but rather "the supremacy of law, not of arbitrary force; the general abandonment of superstition and persecution; the search for progress by unhampered inquiry and controversy; the development of man's powers by free pursuit of truth and beauty; the humanization of our penal codes and our whole social legislation; these are what we received from our great tradition."

From this quotation you will see that Gilbert Murray emphasizes the spiritual qualities which have come to us from other lands and in the same article he suggests that because Europe has made this contribution to the modern world, she must not be allowed to fall. She must be strengthened so that she may continue making the same contribution.

If we remember this it will prevent us from developing prejudices against racial and natural groups. There is really no basis for the commonly accepted idea of national stereotypes. Poles do not possess certain characteristics because they are Poles; and French because they are French; and Dutch because they are Dutch, and so on. That is a heresy with no scientific basis. The experiment in making composite pictures of racial and national groups has proved how impossible it is to discover any special characteristics. This little incident will illustrate how little foundation there is for a theory of national stereotypes. I served overseas with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Originally this regiment was formed by the Selkirk settlers around Kildonan, but in the two world wars the Cameron tartan was worn by Canadians of almost every racial extraction. One of our officers was visiting Edinburgh and had his portrait painted. It proved to be a fine picture and was put on exhibition. It was entitled "A Typical Highland Officer." The amusing part of the incident is that the subject of the painting was a Polish lad from Winnipeg.

Children do not have these racial and national prejudices. Dr. Cantrell relates this incident: In a school in Chicago, attended by black and white children, a game developed called "Race Riots". The blacks were on one side and the whites on the other. But there were fewer black children than white so the children solved the problem by putting some of the white children with the blacks and the game "Race Riots" continued happily.

FIRST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES, A. F. & A. M. OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
HELD AT TORONTO, ONTARIO, FEBRUARY 28, 1949.



Front Row: G. H. STILES (British Columbia), H. P. COLE (Michigan), D. A. O'NEIL (Nova Scotia), T. J. SIMPSON (Ontario), A. D. CUMMING (Alberta), F. C. WILSON (Saskatchewan), W. C. McDONALD (Manitoba), W. A. HENRY (Alberta), L. F. CROTHERS (Quebec).
Second Row: G. G. WILSON (Prince Edward Island), R. B. DARGAVILLE (Ontario), W. J. DUNLOP (Ontario), F. A. COOPER (Ontario), C. P. SHERIDAN (Saskatchewan), H. W. MACDONALD (Alberta), R. D. MACGEE (New Brunswick), E. F. PETERS (New Brunswick), J. A. McRAE (Ontario), H. CODDINGTON (Manitoba).
Third Row: L. G. DIMLIN (Ontario), W. W. WILLIAMSON (Quebec), J. P. MAHER (Ontario), L. A. McDOUGALL (Prince Edward Island), P. T. PILKEY (Manitoba), R. D. STEWART (New Brunswick), J. W. BUCKLAND (Quebec).
Fourth Row: R. V. HARRIS (Nova Scotia), A. C. LEMMON (New Brunswick), GEORGE MOORE (Alberta), W. C. KNIGHT (Newfoundland), R. A. TATE (Saskatchewan).

Our ideas of national stereotypes are confusing and largely of our own making. One of our tasks in these days is to see that these differences form less and less a part in our thinking. The dignity of man is increased when his understanding and appreciation of others, regardless of race or nation, is broadened.

(3 The glass in the memorial represents the men who gave their lives for the cause of humanity. Such unselfishness proves that man lives not in time but in eternity. It has been stated that there are no atheists in slit trenches. The experiences that I had while serving as chaplain with an infantry battalion increased and enriched my faith. That an ugly piece of shrapnel could destroy forever the splendour of a healthy lad became increasingly incredible. I refused to believe that such ugliness could win over the qualities of character displayed in my fallen comrades. I could accept no alternative to my faith that such quality was not ended but had merely passed on into eternity. To have such a belief is a basic requirement in the achieving of human dignity.

I have called this address "Masonry Makes Men of Dignity." I have said little about Masonry and it is unnecessary for me to say much about her to a group of men as skilled in the Craft. It is sufficient to remind you that our Craft is an ancient one and that in her the past is constantly speaking to us. We know, too, that national and racial differences are insignificant and that our brotherhood leaps over all national, political and occupational barriers. We are not concerned about cliques and classes in society but we are concerned about the constructive contribution that an individual, regardless of his race and creed, will make to the life of society. And that contribution is not just a matter in time. I need only remind you of the sprig of Acacia and you will recognize that we live in eternity and that qualities of human character cannot be destroyed by death.

Only those who feel the essential truths of the past living anew in them, whose sympathies reach over all barriers to achieve a wider spirit of fraternity and whose spirits are rooted in the everlasting, are really men of dignity. All these requirements are principles of our order so that Masonry is playing a part in the making of men of dignity. Let us then put forth every effort in Masonry so that we may stand as men of dignity in the world, and that the number of men of dignity may increase. The world has need of them, and our Masonic Order can make some contribution in producing them. Our task is great. May we be faithful in the performance of it.

First Day

Evening Session

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 8.00 p.m.

GRAND MASTER:

At the request of a number of the Brethren who wish to return to their homes, I am asking the Chairman of the Scrutineers' Committee to give the results of the election.

M.W. Bro. Ireland, before presenting his report, said:

"As Chairman of the Scrutineers, I am deeply tempted to put a thought in your minds. When you consider the office of Junior Grand Warden, I think you should really give some consideration as to what it entails and what it means. There were five candidates who received less than seventeen votes. I think when you see a situation like that, it deserves some consideration."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. S. Sir and Brethren:

Your scrutineers for the election of officers report as follows:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master—R.W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137).

Senior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. Waldo Empey (51).

Grand Treasurer—R.W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23).

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. George Moore (23).

The following Officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. Harry E. Howard (28).

Grand Chaplain—R.W. Bro. Peter Dawson (84).

Grand Registrar—R.W. Bro. E. W. Thomas (1).

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R.W. Bro. H. W. Bell (53).

R.W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63).

R.W. Bro. Geo. Bureau (234).

V.W. Bro. S. G. Bannan (86).

R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8).

R.W. Bro. David Patterson (83).

V.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51).

R.W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83).

and for the unexpired term of one year of the late R.W. Bro. W. G. Coote (11), R. W. Bro. W. A. Braisher (207).

For the Board of Benevolence the following were elected for two years:

M.W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124).

M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9).

R.W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28).

and for the unexpired term of one year of the late R.W. Bro. Frank Truesdale, R.W. Bro. D. Patterson (83).

Fraternally submitted,

W. IRELAND,
Chairman.

R.W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38) was elected Grand Tyler, by acclamation, for the 33rd consecutive term.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris (88), "That the reports of the Board of Scrutineers be received and adopted, and the committee discharged."

The Grand Master then declared these Brethren elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the scrutineers.

The Grand Master then announced the chief business of the evening session was that of consideration of the report of the Committee on the Boys' Farm.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9): "What is the procedure? Should we not vote on it first without debate?"

GRAND MASTER:

"I believe the procedure is to receive this report now. It is a report directed to this Grand Lodge".

R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8): "In order to bring this matter before this meeting here now I will move that the report be received and adopted". This was seconded by Bro. John Begg (9).

GRAND MASTER:

"I expect there will be a number of the Brethren who wish to speak to this report. It will be necessary that you follow strictly the correct procedure. Once you arise to speak and then sit down you are not privileged to speak again. I do not wish to have to call anyone to order. Once you speak you have used your privilege. I will ask you to go to the microphone and give your name and the number of your lodge, but do not take up more time than is absolutely necessary. It is most likely we will spend at least two hours and I do not expect to keep you here any longer than that". The Grand Master then called on Bro. M. M. Porter (83), Chairman of the Committee, to present his report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE BOYS' FARMS

During the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, 1948, it was moved by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock and seconded by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill:

"That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to investigate the matter of the 'Boys' Farms', and report to the next annual communication of Grand Lodge".

This motion was carried. Pursuant to the motion, the Grand Master, on the 20th November, 1948, appointed a committee as follows:

R. W. Bro. Leonard G. Beatty, Edmonton
W. Bro. A. B. Gibson, Calgary
R. W. Bro. James Murray, Red Deer
R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Innisfail
R. W. Bro. Guy E. Voisey, Champion
R. W. Bro. Dr. G. M. Carson, Vulcan
W. Bro. R. Calder, Medicine Hat
W. Bro. C. M. MacLeod, Edmonton

W. Bro. Sam Bannan, Blairmore
W. Bro. Dr. T. Michie, Ponoka
W. Bro. Kenneth Morrison, Calgary
R. W. Bro. Andy Scotland, Erskine
Bro. John Begg, Calgary
W. Bro. C. R. Shaw, Banff
Bro. M. M. Porter, Calgary--Chairman

In appointing the committee, the Grand Master commented:

"The motion does not state much except to investigate the matter. If your committee agrees, I would be pleased if the report would deal with the desirability and feasibility of our entering upon this scheme, and our capabilities in handling such a scheme".

The committee desires to call attention to the language of the motion which, it will be observed, defines the committee to a consideration of boys' work only. The committee does not, therefore, include other than boys' work in its report.

Your committee met at Lethbridge on the 8th day of May, 1949, and, in company with Past Grand Master A. D. Cumming, visited the irrigated farm on which it was last year proposed that the Grand Lodge should undertake a venture with respect to the rehabilitation of boys. Your committee was impressed with the property. It is an excellent, irrigated farm, well equipped with buildings of splendid construction, and while several of them were constructed when the property was to be served by horses and are not appropriate to mechanical operation, they could serve some purpose in the contemplated venture. The property is six miles from school, and this fact creates a problem. Consideration would have to be given to the supply of water for use in quantities required in the event of our having any number of boys on the property.

Your committee feels that the usefulness of the property in boys' work would have to be weighed after more information has been obtained about the nature of the work, if any, which Grand Lodge decides to carry on in that field. It is therefore proposed to examine the problem of work with boys as a field of activity for Grand Lodge. It is not proposed to recommend for or against any such activity. The committee desires to make it clear that in its view Grand Lodge will have to determine whether it wishes to enter upon any outside charitable activity and, if so, the form and nature of that activity.

Your committee approached its assignment by considering, first, what type of boy should be the subject of the contemplated activity, whether it should be a delinquent, an underprivileged, or a problem child. It seems now to be generally agreed in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States that delinquents cannot be effectively dealt with except by the State because the actual powers to detain must be vested in those who are giving the care. The care and training of pre-delinquents and delinquents, detained in their own and social interest, are now regarded as properly and solely a charge on public funds, and no more justified as resting up benevolent funds than the upkeep of courts, jails or penal institutions. The Royal Commission set up by the Alberta Government to inquire into the

matters of health and welfare has this to say on the subject of delinquents:

"Keen public interest has been manifested in this and similar projects, and we found evidence of at least three private groups who wish to attempt something of the sort. With the greatest respect, we are bound to say that this is one field in which the State should operate alone. It is too costly and too serious a matter to be attempted piecemeal or in any haphazard manner. The proposals put forward appear to contemplate farm training schools. This discloses a weakness at the outset. The sole object of a training school is to make an all-out, last-ditch effort to rehabilitate the boy. Where there is a dual objective, a school and a farm, experience has shown that the sponsors end up with a farm, and little more. We make the observations notwithstanding the testimony of Child Welfare Branch officials, wherein the view was expressed that institutions should be operated by private agencies and not by the State".

Your committee is therefore of the opinion that if the work is to be undertaken at all it ought not to be undertaken with respect to pre-delinquent and delinquent boys.

Assuming the elimination of this type of boy, we are left to view the field of underprivileged or problem children. In this field we are faced at once with the question of the number available and the method of selection. There was no means at the committee's disposal by which it could ascertain the number of boys available for such a project or the means by which they would be selected. Until these are ascertained it is impossible to determine whether there is a problem in this field and what is its exact nature.

On the assumption, however, that boys of this type are available, in some numbers, your committee had to consider what service would be proposed. At the outset, it is clear that educational facilities would have to be provided, recreational facilities would be required, and housing facilities would be necessary. Serious consideration would have to be given to the nature and extent, if any, of the work that the boys would be called on to do at the farm and their availability for it at the appropriate seasons having regard to the commitments which the educational system would place upon the pupils. Whether work of the nature required upon an irrigated farm would be attractive to these boys is a difficult problem to determine. The many city-bred children would have to adjust themselves to the quieter tempo of farm life and to the detailed work of planting, hoeing and watering.

Your committee next considered the cost of such a service. The capital cost of providing educational, recreational and occupational training cannot be estimated until the nature and extent of the undertaking are defined. This, in turn, must await some assessment of the number of boys available.

Your committee then considered the personnel that would be necessary. There is little doubt that this phase of the matter is the

one most difficult of solution and again the number and type of people to be obtained for this work, the cost of their services and their availability cannot be determined until we know the nature and the size of the contemplated operation.

Your committee is of the opinion that this problem cannot be resolved by a committee of laymen unskilled in the problems of social service. The facts are not available to it. Inasmuch as the project is one which must not fail if it is once launched by Masons, there ought to be a most exacting examination made to determine:

1. If there is a field warranting such activity.
2. If it is one which Masonry in Alberta can undertake financially.
3. The number of boys that are now and are likely in the future to be available.
4. A system of manning the venture.
5. If the long-time prospect for such an activity is such as to make it a permanent field.

Your committee therefore recommends that if, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, some outside charitable activity should be undertaken which might include work with boys, Grand Lodge should now appropriate a sum of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000 to be administered by a committee of members of Grand Lodge to be selected by the Grand Master, of a number not exceeding five. This committee should be charged by Grand Lodge with the duty of obtaining the services of one or more trained and experienced social service experts to study the contemplated project in Alberta and make a report showing

- (a) the nature and extent of the problem;
- (b) the project that ought to be undertaken to deal with it;
- (c) the type of facilities that should be provided;
- (d) the capital cost thereof, initially and in the long term;
- (e) the problem of personnel;
- (f) the extent to which voluntary contributions of personal services are available from Masonry;
- (g) the annual cost of operation; and
- (h) the type and location of the property from which such a project should be carried on.

Your committee believes that the members of Grand Lodge should not assume the responsibility for such a venture nor recommend the project to Masons without a thorough examination of all the facts so that Grand Lodge can be sure that the project once undertaken will be permanently worthwhile and free from the hazard of failure.

Fraternally submitted,

M. M. PORTER,
Chairman.

The Grand Master, commenting briefly on the report, said the matter was now open for discussion.

There being no discussion, the Grand Master put the motion, which was CARRIED.

Labour was suspended at 8:50 p.m.

Second Day - - Morning Session

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9:05 a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 481 Members and 40 Master Masons registered present at this Communication, carrying a total voting strength of 629 consisting of 75 W.M.'s with 169 votes, 40 Sr.W.'s with 56 votes, 26 Jr.W.'s with 32 votes, 324 Past Masters with 324 votes, and 16 Proxies with 48 votes.

122 Chartered Lodges are represented.

31 Chartered Lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

Lodge No.	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River	3	0	0	13	0	16
2. Medicine Hat	1	1	1	7	0	10
3. Alberta	2	1	0	4	0	7
4. North Star	0	0	3	3	0	6
5. Cascade	3	0	0	1	0	4
6. Spitzie	2	0	1	2	0	5
7. Edmonton	2	0	0	3	0	5
8. Innisfail	1	1	1	8	0	11
9. Perfection	1	1	1	4	0	7
10. Eureka	2	1	0	9	0	12
11. Acacia	2	1	0	7	0	10
12. Red Deer	1	1	1	6	0	9
13. Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
14. Jasper	2	1	0	1	0	4
15. Wetaskiwin	3	0	0	1	0	4
16. Mountain View	3	0	0	2	0	5
17. Nanton	1	1	1	1	0	4
18. Britannia	3	0	0	1	0	4
19. Cornerstone	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
20. Carstairs	0	3	0	2	0	5
21. King Hiram	2	1	0	2	0	5
22. Corinthian	0	0	0	3	3	6
23. Calgary	2	1	0	9	0	12
24. Vermilion	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
25. St. John's	1	1	1	1	0	4
26. Sentinel	3	0	0	2	0	5
27. Apollo	2	0	1	6	0	9
28. Ashlar	2	1	0	10	0	13
29. Kenilworth	0	0	0	4	3	7
30. Summit	3	0	0	0	0	3
31. Doric	3	0	0	0	0	3
32. Cairo	2	1	0	1	0	4
33. Stavelly	0	0	0	1	0	1

Lodge No.	W.M.	S.W.	I.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes	
34. Star of the West	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.R.
35. Mizpah	2	1	0	2	0	5	
36. Gleichen	0	0	0	2	0	2	
37. Camrose	0	0	0	1	3	4	
38. Hope	0	0	0	2	0	2	
39. Lethbridge	0	3	0	0	0	3	
40. Joppa	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.R.
41. King Solomon	3	0	0	2	0	5	
42. Bowden	2	1	0	7	0	10	
43. Tuscan	0	0	0	2	3	5	
44. Buffalo Park	0	0	0	2	3	5	
45. Ionic	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.R.
46. Palestine	0	0	0	1	0	1	
47. Chinook	0	3	0	0	0	3	
48. Crossfield	0	0	0	3	0	3	
49. Robert Burns	0	0	0	1	0	1	
50. Comet	2	0	1	0	0	3	
51. Unity	2	0	1	4	0	7	
53. Strathmore	1	1	1	1	0	4	
54. Mount Lebanon	0	0	0	4	0	4	
55. Bassano	0	0	0	2	3	5	
56. Beaver	0	0	0	4	0	4	
57. Grassy Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.R.
58. Chief Mountain	1	1	1	4	0	7	
59. King George	2	0	1	10	0	13	
60. Acme	0	0	0	1	3	4	
61. Provost	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.R.
62. Melrose	0	0	0	1	0	1	
63. Empire	3	0	0	2	0	5	
64. Bow Island	0	0	0	3	0	3	
65. Diamond City	1	1	1	0	0	3	
66. St. Andrew's	1	1	1	5	0	8	
67. Charity	3	0	0	0	0	3	
68. Edson	1	1	1	2	0	5	
69. Connaught	0	0	0	1	0	1	
70. Quarry	0	0	0	1	0	1	
71. Tawatiraw	0	0	0	1	0	1	
72. Coronation	3	0	0	1	0	4	
73. Brooks	0	0	0	1	0	1	
74. Vulcan	2	0	1	0	0	3	
75. Harmony	0	0	0	2	3	5	
76. Fidelity	3	0	0	3	0	6	
77. Strathcona	0	0	0	1	3	4	
78. Hanna	0	0	0	1	0	1	
79. Morning Star	3	0	0	1	0	4	
80. Excelsior	0	0	0	1	3	4	
81. Commercial	3	0	0	2	0	5	
82. Acadia	0	0	0	2	0	2	
83. Zetland	2	1	0	13	0	16	
84. Champion	2	1	0	3	0	6	
86. Rocky Mountain	3	0	0	2	0	5	
87. Crescent	3	0	0	8	0	11	
88. Wahpun	0	0	0	2	0	2	

Lodge No.	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
89. Peace River	0	3	0	1	0	4
90. Norwood	2	1	0	0	0	3
91. Patricia	3	0	0	3	0	6
92. Saskatchewan	3	0	0	0	0	3
93. Symbol	2	1	0	3	0	6
94. Lamont	2	0	1	0	0	3
95. Kitchener	3	0	0	1	0	4
96. Dynamic	3	0	0	1	0	4
97. Albion	3	0	0	1	0	4
98. Hand Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
100. Century	3	0	0	0	0	3
101. West Edmonton	3	0	0	0	0	3
102. Edgerton	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
103. Foremost	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
104. Oyen	3	0	0	1	0	4
105. Grande Prairie	3	0	0	6	0	9
106. Lake Saskatoon	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
107. Carbon	2	0	1	4	0	7
108. Pyramid	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
110. Kilwinning	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
111. Nobleford	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
113. Cyprus	2	1	0	5	0	8
114. Westlock	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
115. Crocus	3	0	0	1	0	4
116. Spirit River	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
117. Dominion	0	0	0	2	3	5
118. St. Mark's	1	1	1	5	0	8
119. York	3	0	0	3	0	6
120. Monitor	0	0	0	1	0	1
123. Rockyford	0	3	0	2	0	5
124. Concord	1	1	1	10	0	13
125. Cavell	0	0	3	1	0	4
126. Pembina	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
127. Granite	1	1	0	3	0	5
128. Forestburg	0	0	0	1	3	4
129. Meridian	0	0	0	1	0	1
130. Hussar	3	0	0	1	0	4
131. Kitscoty	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
132. Craigmyle	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
133. Manyberries	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
134. Renfrew	3	0	0	9	0	12
135. Alliance	0	0	0	2	0	2
136. Cresset	0	0	0	1	0	1
137. Irricana	1	1	1	3	0	6
138. Onoway	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
140. Big Valley	3	0	0	2	0	5
141. Efficiency	0	0	0	1	3	4
142. Ivanhoe	0	3	0	2	0	5
143. Jasper Park	2	0	1	4	0	7
144. Gratton	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
145. St. Alban's	0	0	0	1	3	4
146. Drumheller	3	0	0	2	0	5
147. Northland	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.

Lodge No.	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
148. Mayerthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
151. Lochearn	0	0	0	1	0	1
152. Standard	0	0	0	3	3	6
153. Whitecourt	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
154. Waskatenau	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
156. Hythe	0	3	0	0	0	3
157. Sharon	2	1	0	1	0	4
158. Berry Creek	2	1	0	3	0	6
159. Lucerne	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
160. Sexsmith	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
161. Empress	0	3	0	0	0	3
162. Yellowknife	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
163. Ancient Landmark	0	0	0	1	0	1
U. D. Gateway	0	0	0	0	0	0 N.R.
	169	56	32	324	48	629

Resolved on motion of V. W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder, Acadia 11, seconded by Rt. W. Bro. O. C. Smith, Zetland 83, "The report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

GRAND MASTER:

"It is sad to note there are 31 lodges in this jurisdiction who are not interested enough in the work of Freemasonry to send their representatives to this Grand Lodge meeting. This is far too many. If a Brother is willing to take an office in his lodge I believe he should have interest enough to make a real sacrifice to attend the sessions of Grand Lodge."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most W. Grand Master and Brethren:

Your Committee has to report another year of inactivity. This has been due to the steady influx of new members, particularly in the city lodges, which has left little time for Masonic Research and Education.

It is to be hoped that as the pressure from degree work eases the Masters of Lodges will give serious consideration to providing their Brethren with a fuller knowledge of the esoteric meaning and historical background of Freemasonry.

Your Committee are desirous of having papers on these subjects prepared by qualified Brethren, suitable for reading aloud and providing discussion in the Lodges. However, such papers naturally take a good deal of thought and time in their preparation, so it can readily be understood there must be a general desire by the Masters to have and to use these papers when sent out to the Lodges, as they cost,

not only the thought and time of the writer, but are a definite expense to the Grand Lodge in printing and mailing.

Just as soon as the Grand Master feels the Lodges will use the material sent out, your Committee, or its successor, will deem it an honor to serve him and Grand Lodge by endeavoring to supply them.

Fraternally submitted,

MALCOLM J. BRODIE,

Chairman.

Resolved on motion of V. W. Bro. M. J. Brodie (63), seconded by R. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield (7), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted".

GRAND MASTER:

It would be my wish we could re-establish this committee in its full strength, and establish leadership in a course of studies for our lodges. However, that remains to be seen, and if the incoming Grand Master should be so actuated he will probably ask a number of our brethren to serve on this committee.

GRAND SECRETARY:

Some time ago I received a letter from Bow River Lodge No. 1, enclosing a suggestion from one of their members that an Old Men's Home be established in this jurisdiction and that this request be brought before the Board of General Purposes. In considering the matter, the Board of General Purposes directed it be brought to the attention of Grand Lodge, which I do herewith.

W. Bro. D. RALSTON (2):

"I should like to suggest that a committee be appointed to investigate this along the lines of the program of the Eastern Star".

There was no seconder for this motion, no discussion, and no action taken.

GRAND MASTER:

"There is nothing new in this idea. M. W. Bro. Crane-Williams spent a good deal of time in his year of office considering such a scheme but it was not considered advisable. There are many schemes suggested every year and we are well advised to travel the road cautiously.

GRAND SECRETARY:

"I have also received a letter from R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142), suggesting that certain changes be made in the phraseology of the Charge to the Entered Apprentice as published in the book of Constitution. Bro. Garnett thought that the phraseology of the Charge was probably compiled by our English brethren at a time when men's loyalties were taken for granted and there was no suggestion of fifth columnists. He also thought that in view of the present day world outlook, certain phrases might be changed so that there should be no misunderstanding. The matter was brought before the Board of General Purposes, and after some consideration, the

Board decided that it should go through the usual channels and eventually to the Committee on The Work. Grand Lodge agreed to this suggestion and R. W. Bro. Garnett will be advised accordingly".

GRAND MASTER:

"This completes our Committee Reports and the business on the agenda. Has anyone anything to bring before this Grand Lodge?"

W. Bro. N. CHRIST (157):

"We have had one or two discouraging reports, especially from the Committee on Credentials. We have another discouraging report from the Committee on Masonic Research and Education. I wonder if this Grand Lodge would consider a travelling lecturer to go around and instruct the lodges?"

GRAND MASTER:

"This matter of appointing a travelling lecturer has been discussed in this Grand Lodge before".

R. W. Bro. W. NOBLE (11):

"Would that not be the duty of the D.D.G.M.?"

GRAND MASTER:

"It is also the duty of the Master".

At this point, a motion was made by W. Bro. N. Christ (157), seconded by W. Bro. R. Handley (157):

"That this Grand Lodge appoint a Travelling Grand Lecturer".

An Amendment was moved by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. D. McQueen (84):

"That this Grand Lodge refer the matter to the Board of General Purposes and report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge".

R. W. Bro. J. P. MARSH (2):

"I think there is a lot of merit to this suggestion, because with the amount of work and the initiations going through, there has been no time for any research work; but if we had a travelling lecturer who notified the lodges when he would be there, that time would be set apart, and I am quite sure your lodge rooms would be filled".

R. W. Bro. L. BOND (137):

"I think there is need for this thing. The young Master Masons have never had an opportunity to educate themselves along that line. While these old brethren live who know Masonry, we should have the benefit of their knowledge. It should be considered by the Board of General Purposes".

R. W. Bro. H. BELL (53):

"It runs through my mind that to bring this matter to a motion and to decide to have a lecturer, we would have to have two lecturers—one for the York Rite and one for the Canadian Rite. We are making many Masons today whom we have not time to instruct properly. I think it is regrettable that someone brings in an applica-

tion for initiation and then he does not come to see his candidate initiated, passed and raised. He should stay with the brother until he has all the information. I heartily approve of the idea that more instruction and information be given to the lodges, and I approve of the idea of having a travelling lecturer for each Rite".

GRAND SECRETARY:

"The idea is fine but somewhat impractical. What are you going to do about this education business? Grand Lodge already spends hundreds of dollars every year sending out educational matter which you do not use. You speak of two travelling lecturers. You have 154 lodges and only 52 weeks in a year. How often are you going to call on the lodges and what benefits would accrue? We already have five different channels for giving instruction and information. Why add to this number? The expense of two travelling lecturers would be very considerable, and the results would, in my opinion, hardly warrant the time and effort".

R. W. Bro. W. BETTS (58):

"Being on this so-called Committee of Education for the last two years; the Grand Secretary has just remarked about educational matter being sent out to lodges and not used. This is quite correct, but how many of the Secretaries and Masters appointed annually are qualified even to read the material we send out? I have visited lodges where the reading of minutes is painful. This educational material is not just something printed on paper. You have got to have it in your heart. This travelling lecturer business is all nonsense. You would need one in every district at least. There is a method any of you can use if you are interested. You can start out with a small library of your own and then use it. The Grand Lodge of Iowa have spent a tremendous amount of money on educational matters. They publish syllabus and several books. Five-minute papers are given, all of which I recommend for your consideration".

There being no further discussion, the Grand Master put the Amendment to the motion and the Amendment CARRIED, and the matter will be referred to the Board of General Purposes next year.

R. W. Bro. E. Ross (151) brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Utah.

INSTALLATION

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. A. Henry (10) then installed the officers, assisted by V. W. Bro. A. H. Dakin (68), Grand Director of Ceremonies.

R. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, the incoming Grand Master, was presented by M. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, who paid a glowing tribute to his qualities and the public services which he had rendered to the community in which he lives as well as serving the province as M.L.A. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the officers were duly proclaimed in the ancient manner by the Director of Ceremonies. M. W. Bro.

W. A. Henry and his assistants received the applause of the brethren for the impressive manner in which the ceremony had been conducted.

M. W. Bro. W. A. Henry, in addressing the outgoing District Deputy Grand Masters, said: "I wish to express to you now, before this Grand Lodge, my very, very heartfelt thanks for your work of the past year. I appreciate very much the difficulties you have encountered, and I also understand the sacrifices you have made. In the name of this Grand Lodge I thank you one and all and I now present you with your certificates, entitling you to the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Masters".

The incoming District Deputy Grand Masters were then invested by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, who addressed them as follows: "I am sure you will be of great assistance to me in your district, and it is therefore a great pleasure for me to have you as my deputies".

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

At this time the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald, said, in presenting M. W. Bro. W. A. Henry with the jewel of Past Grand Master:

"It is a great privilege for me to present you with the jewel of your office. You have just completed a most successful year as Grand Master. You have given inspiration and leadership to the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, and wherever you have gone you have been received with great pleasure, and the Craft is under a great debt to you for the time you have spent. I only hope I will in some small way follow the example you have set. I congratulate you on the magnificent service you have rendered to Free Masonry. Although you are now P.G.M. I hope I can rely on you for support in the duties of my office".

M. W. Bro. W. A. HENRY:

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the splendid support that you have given to the Grand Lodge at this communication. It has been most profitable and harmonious. I have had a very fine year in your service. I am happy to have been your Grand Master, and I am proud of the brethren of this Grand Lodge".

GRAND MASTER:

"In taking over the duties of this exalted office I would like to say a few words. I would like to express my appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me. I realize there is a heavy responsibility involved with this position, but I shall endeavor to follow it out to the best of my ability. In thinking yesterday and this morning (I was looking over this vast audience of Masons), what a great reservoir of power we have in the Province, and if you all go out into your respective districts and carry out your duties as Masons, then the true cause of Freemasonry will be advanced and we will not require any travelling lecturers to go over this country to inculcate the teachings of Freemasonry. I believe every Mason and especially

every Officer in the Lodge, and particularly Grand Lodge officers should give the inspiration and leadership that is required. The founder of Christianity had no travelling lecturers. He sought his disciples from the common ranks of men. Then they went out to do great works—out on his service. Let us go out as disciples and carry out these excellent precepts that are inculcated in Freemasonry. If we do that we will not need any expert advice.

"I am not discounting the splendid messages we receive from time to time. One of the best was received last night, and I hope we will remember that and try to maintain the dignity which goes with Freemasonry. If we practice that we will certainly improve the condition of Masonry in this Province over the next year.

"I will not take up much time now, but I do ask for a little serious consideration and attention to the duties of your office. I hope those who have been installed and invested into office, particularly the D.D.G.M., will do so".

R. W. Bro. L. W. BOND, Senior Grand Warden:

"I appreciate this high honor. It is just too much for one man to receive. I will give my life to the Masonic fraternity and my Grand Master. I will do all I can to support him in his year. I want to say we are going to work for a greater Masonic Jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta".

R. W. Bro. H. E. HOWARD, Junior Grand Warden:

"I would be very remiss if I did not express my keen appreciation of the confidence the brethren have placed in me. I realize there is a great work to be done, and if I can do anything more than I have tried to do for Masonry, I will do it. I wish to thank you brethren for the confidence reposed in me".

GRAND MASTER:

"I should like you to take back the greetings of Grand Lodge and tell your lodge the officers of Grand Lodge are willing to give every assistance in their work. We hope and trust they will use the facilities of the Grand Lodge office, and make use of the literature supplied from time to time. Our Grand Secretary will give them guidance and assistance. I feel that this Grand Lodge has been conducted in a strictly business-like manner and I know there are many brethren who can make valuable contribution on many subjects. It is unfortunate there is not time for that, but we hope you have received some inspiration from this Grand Lodge communication".

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the 44th Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 11:20 a.m., and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



GEORGE MOORE,

Grand Secretary.

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R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer	Calgary
R. W. Bro. E. W. Thomas (1), Grand Registrar	Calgary
And all District Deputy Grand Masters.	

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R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Bureau (134)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Harold W. Bell (53)	Strathmore
R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Bull (63)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8)	Innisfail
R. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. David Patterson (83)	Calgary
V. W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51)	Edmonton
V. W. Bro. S. G. Bannan (6)	Blairmore
* R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Braisher (107)	Carbon
* R. W. Bro. J. L. Little (7)	Edmonton
* R. W. Bro. John Booth (51)	Edmonton
* R. W. Bro. W. H. Williams (2)	Medicine Hat
* V. W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder (11)	Edmonton
* R. W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59)	Calgary
* W. Bro. O. D. Christensen (152)	Standard
* W. Bro. D. S. Bareham (1)	Calgary

* Term expires with Annual Communication June 1950.

Appointed by Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Fred J. Kavanagh (142)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Marsh (2)	Medicine Hat
R. W. Bro. C. G. Torrance (38)	Mannville
R. W. Bro. Leonard Poxon (107)	Carbon

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M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88)	High Prairie
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M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. F. Whitfield (7)	Edmonton
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M. W. Bro. H. P. Reid (14)

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In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

SISTER GRAND LODGES



There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown.
They shine forevermore.

Memorial Page

Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death
Ireland	The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., Grand Master	
Arizona	Barrett, James Henry, P.G.M.	May 27, 1948
Arizona	Whetstone, James, P.G.M.	June 16, 1948
Arkansas	McNeely, Ray D., G.M.	Sept. 21, 1948
British Columbia	Hall, George Arthur Benjamin, P.G.M.	Nov. 5, 1948
British Columbia	Merchant, William Percival, P.G.M.	Oct. 11, 1948
British Columbia	Watson, Harry Holgate, P.G.M.	Jan. 19, 1949
Colorado	Swinton, John Robert, G.M.	Sept. 10, 1948
Florida	Taylor, George Thompson, P.G.M.	Aug. 22, 1948
Illinois	Tinsley, William, P.G.M.	Apr. 6, 1948
Indiana	Church, Ira Harrison, P.G.M.	Apr. 6, 1948
Maine	Chalmers, Fred C., S.G.W.	Nov. 22, 1948
Maine	Richan, James Avard, G.J.W.	May 27, 1948
Manitoba	Burgess, Alexander, G. Treas.	Apr. 18, 1948
Manitoba	Woods, Harry, P.G.M.	Apr. 17, 1948
Mississippi	Conerly, Lucius Layton, P.G.M.	Sept. 23, 1948
Nevada	Amens, Harold R., P.G.M.	Apr. 19, 1948
Nevada	Harris, Walter J., P.G.M.	Aug. 17, 1948
Nevada	Hersey, Rev. Milton James, G. Chaplain	Dec. 5, 1948
Nevada	Pratt, Walter E., P.G.M.	June 14, 1948
New York	Johnson, Charles Henry, P.G.M.	Oct. 28, 1948
North Carolina	Anderson, John Huske, P.G.M.	Sept. 9, 1948
Oregon	Hartman, Fred William, P.G.M.	Aug. 10, 1948
Pennsylvania	Remick, Raymond M., S.G.W.	Oct. 12, 1948
Rhode Island	Gross, Edward Tudor, P.G.M.	Apr. 19, 1948
Rhode Island	Sweet, William Luther, P.G.M.	Feb. 4, 1949
Tennessee	Burrow, Robert, P.G.M.	Mar. 16, 1949
Tennessee	Phillips, Lindsay Brassfield, P.G.M.	Feb. 28, 1949
Texas	Cantey, Sam B., P.G.M.	Aug. 21, 1948
Texas	Lively, Hiram F., P.G.M.	Aug. 8, 1948
Vermont	Nay, W. Scott, P.G.M.	Jan. 19, 1949
Washington	Lawler, George, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1948
West Virginia	Tevenner, Lewis N., P.G.M.	May 22, 1948
West Virginia	White, Wilson Henry Stout, P.G.M.	Dec. 20, 1948
Wisconsin	Hansson, Einar C., P.G.M.	May 19, 1948
Wisconsin	LaFlin, Herbert N., P.G.M.	June 3, 1948
Wyoming	Wilson, William O., P.G.M.	Apr. 13, 1948

In Memoriam

OF THE

ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

OF

OUR OWN JURISDICTION



For one by one those loved the best
Slip out at evening prayer,
Soon we, like them, shall go to rest,
While shadows fill the air.



Memorial Pages

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
1.	Bow River	Hill, David Clarke	Feb. 8, 1948
1.	Bow River	Hume, George	Mar. 5, 1948
1.	Bow River	Little, Walter	Mar. 27, 1948
1.	Bow River	Smith, George Washington	Mar. 28, 1948
1.	Bow River	Patrick, Allan Poynts	Apr. 9, 1948
1.	Bow River	Ableson, William	Dec. 3, 1948
1.	Bow River	Nixdorff, Charles William	Dec. 2, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Muir, Michael	Apr. 15, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Napier, Robert Mathieson	Jan. 30, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Sewell, Robert Arnott	Feb. 7, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Colley, Stephen Frederick	Apr. 27, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Beveridge, John Cameron	Dec. 12, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Flynn, Leonard Ernest	Dec. 19, 1948
2.	Medicine Hat	Nelson, Andrew Gust Emil	Sept. 12, 1948
3.	Alberta	Andrews, William George	Apr. 7, 1948
3.	Alberta	Lambert, James Smith	Jan. 8, 1948
3.	Alberta	Uren, Richard Thomas	Oct. 14, 1948
4.	North Star	Donald, David	May 30, 1948
4.	North Star	Geoghegan, John	Apr. 3, 1948
4.	North Star	Rivers, John Henry	Apr. 21, 1948
4.	North Star	Angus, George William	Oct. 11, 1948
4.	North Star	deGamage, Edwin Stanley	Dec. 22, 1948
4.	North Star	White, Herbert Swetman	Nov. 23, 1948
5.	Cascade	Finlayson, Forbes Leopold	May 2, 1948
5.	Cascade	Ward, William Edward	Aug. 13, 1948
6.	Spitzie	Ambrose, Edward G.	Mar. 30, 1948
6.	Spitzie	Laidlaw, Robert Y.	Oct. 31, 1948
6.	Spitzie	Neuman, Theodore Paul	Oct. 30, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Ottewell, Wilbur Harland	Feb. 4, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Fear, Harold Samuel George	Sept. 13, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Gilley, Charles Walter	Sept. 24, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Harper, Joseph Bell	Aug. 21, 1948
7.	Edmonton	McKenzie, Alexander Robert	Oct. 18, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Nesbitt, Thomas	Nov. 18, 1948
8.	Innisfail	McCallum, Artemas Charles Burns	June 29, 1948
9.	Perfection	Blair, Samuel Jas.	Mar. 3, 1948
9.	Perfection	Bull, John Edwin	Mar. 8, 1948
9.	Perfection	Cadzow, Thos. Forrest	June 17, 1948
9.	Perfection	Giles, Samuel	Mar. 21, 1948
9.	Perfection	Hatton, Eldridge M.	Jan. 21, 1948
9.	Perfection	Irwin, John	May 7, 1948

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
9.	Perfection	Skelton, Albert G.	Jan 16, 1948
9.	Perfection	Weir, Robert Alexander	Jan. 6, 1948
9.	Perfection	Cooper, Bertram Garrow	Oct 7, 1948
9.	Perfection	Osborne, Frederick Ernest	Oct. 22, 1948
9.	Perfection	Wood, James Robert	Dec 31, 1948
10.	Eureka	Cranna, William Forbes	Feb. 25, 1948
10.	Eureka	Hall, Richard	May 26, 1948
10.	Eureka	Puffer, William Franklin	Apr. 22, 1948
10.	Eureka	Sissons, Frederick James	Feb. 22, 1948
10.	Eureka	Ford, Harry James	Aug. 11, 1948
10.	Eureka	Fraser, Jesse	July 18, 1948
11.	Acacia	Davison, Arthur	Aug. 22, 1948
13.	Victoria	Carscadden, Johnston	Dec. 24, 1948
13.	Victoria	Grumert, Hans Clement	Oct. 5, 1948
14.	Jasper	Hastings, John George	Feb. 25, 1948
14.	Jasper	Keeler, Fred William	Apr. 10, 1948
14.	Jasper	Third, Thomas	Oct. 17, 1948
15.	Wetaskiwin	Stevenson, Thomas Beadle	Sept. 23, 1948
16.	Mountain View	Kemp, Arthur Thomas	Mar. 27, 1948
18.	Britannia	Byers, John Nelson M.	Apr. 5, 1948
18.	Britannia	Kerr, John Alexander	Apr. 30, 1948
19.	Cornerstone	Riley, Daniel Edward	Apr 27, 1948
19.	Cornerstone	Eyres, Hugh Clark	Nov. 14, 1948
19.	Cornerstone	Forbes, Harry	Oct. 22, 1948
21.	King Hiram	Spahr, Edward Andrew	Dec. 10, 1948
22.	Corinthian	Cameron, Clarence V.	June 28, 1948
22.	Corinthian	Fisher, George F.	Mar. 23, 1948
22.	Corinthian	Robinson, George	May 17, 1948
22.	Corinthian	Fisher, William, Sr.	Oct. 21, 1948
23.	Calgary	Brown, Robert Arthur	May 16, 1948
23.	Calgary	Forbes, Harry	Oct. 23, 1948
24.	Vermilion	Brant, William John	May 25, 1948
24.	Vermilion	Fallow, William Allen	May 3, 1948
24.	Vermilion	McCiellan, Norman	May 18, 1948
25.	St. John's	Hinton, Richard S.	June 17, 1948
25.	St. John's	Philp, Robert Hetherington	Feb. 9, 1948
25.	St. John's	Richardson, Silas Argue	Feb 23, 1948
25.	St. John's	Reesor, Archibald E.	Dec. 30, 1948
26.	Sentinel	Douglas, John	June 19, 1948
27.	Apollo	Hart, Walter J.	Apr. 29, 1948
27.	Apollo	Slump, Ernest C.	Mar. 9, 1948
27.	Apollo	Grice, Edward Wilmot	Dec 30, 1948
28.	Ashlar	McLeod, William James	Apr. 1, 1948
28.	Ashlar	Franks, Benjamin North	July 8, 1948
29.	Kenilworth	French, Gerald Osborne Lionel	Apr. 25, 1948
31.	Doric	Haworth, Leonard Clayton	Oct. 23, 1948

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
32.	Cairo	Chilton, Timothy E.	Feb. 4, 1948
32.	Cairo	Kingsley, John Thomas	June 26, 1948
32.	Cairo	Keer, Clarence Walter	Oct. 13, 1948
33.	Stavely	Ferguson, James Gordon	Apr. 28, 1948
34.	Star of the West	Lindberg, Alfred	Aug. 12, 1948
35.	Mizpah	Clark, Allan	Sept. 1, 1948
35.	Mizpah	Ramsay, William Lohar	Nov. 6, 1948
35.	Mizpah	Reid, William	Dec. 14, 1948
37.	Camrose	Sanderson, Norman Elgie	Mar. 12, 1948
38.	Hope	Sproule, Charles Ernest	Oct. 5, 1948
40.	Joppa	McDiarmid, Dan, J.	July 10, 1948
43.	Tuscan	Gibb, William	Feb. 27, 1948
44.	Buffalo Park	Madder, George W.	June 20, 1948
46.	Palestine	McCauley, Alexander James Henry	Mar. 14, 1948
49.	Robert Burns	Lawrence, Andrew	Apr. 10, 1948
50.	Comet	Wilson, William Irvine	Jan. 9, 1948
51.	Unity	Fleming, Albert D.	Nov. 5, 1948
51.	Unity	Bradford, Charles Frederick	Aug. 29, 1948
51.	Unity	McKinna, David	Nov. 19, 1948
51.	Unity	Murdoch, Thomas	Aug. 16, 1948
53.	Strathmore	Watson, William N.	Jan. 20, 1948
54.	Mount Lebanon	Norris, William Thomas	Feb. 15, 1948
54.	Mount Lebanon	Elliott, Clementson	Aug. 18, 1948
55.	Bassano	McKinney, James Louis	Dec. 21, 1948
56.	Beaver	Rutherford, Stanley William	Feb. 21, 1948
59.	King George	Brown, Joseph	Feb. 17, 1948
59.	King George	Fairbrother, Percy Gilbert	May 9, 1948
59.	King George	Jarrett, Henry	Feb. 10, 1948
59.	King George	Kerr, William	Apr. 5, 1948
59.	King George	Ledgerwood, George	Apr. 3, 1948
59.	King George	Rannie, Charles Frederick	Mar. 29, 1948
59.	King George	Appleton, Raymond John	Aug. 30, 1948
59.	King George	Cunningham, Charles H.	July 14, 1948
59.	King George	Grainger, Albert	Aug. 18, 1948
62.	Melrose	Graham, Jesse Ray	Dec. 31, 1948
63.	Empire	Morgan, Thomas Henry	Mar. 28, 1948
63.	Empire	Thornton, Joseph Farrar	Dec. 25, 1948
64.	Bow Island	Anderson, Ernest	Jan. 23, 1948
64.	Bow Island	Nelson, Robert Bruce	Sept. , 1948
65.	Diamond City	Purdy, Stearns J.	Nov. 18, 1948
66.	St. Andrew's	MacMillan, Dougal Alex.	Aug. 27, 1948
67.	Charity	Hart, Harvey G.	Aug. 4, 1948
68.	Edson	MacMillan, Allen D. A.	May 31, 1948
68.	Edson	Walker, George	June 12, 1948
68.	Edson	Boomer, Allan McKenzie Jarvis	Dec. 13, 1948

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death
68.	Edson	Fizzell, Mervyn Homer Wilfred	Ju. 26, 1948
69.	Connaught	Empey, William Howard	Feb. 4, 1948
69.	Connaught	Kinghorn, Robert Milne	Nov. 16, 1948
70.	Quarry	Worts, George Henry	Mar. 3, 1948
71.	Tawatinaw	Shaw, John	Sept. 13, 1948
72.	Coronation	Dillon, Frank Maitland	Feb. 2, 1948
72.	Coronation	Staples, Henry Leslie	Sept. 5, 1948
72.	Coronation	Thomas, Arthur Ogden	July 13, 1948
74.	Vulcan	Robbie, Robert	Nov. 29, 1948
77.	Strathcona	Dean, Howard Samuel	Jan. 20, 1948
77.	Strathcona	Kimber, Alfred	Feb. 18, 1948
77.	Strathcona	Robinson, Arthur	Mar. 31, 1948
77.	Strathcona	Dobson, Richard Howard	Aug. 27, 1948
78.	Hanna	Kennedy, James	May 12, 1948
81.	Commercial	Barclay, John Lynn	May 23, 1948
81.	Commercial	Barker, Norman Arnold	Mar. 13, 1948
81.	Commercial	Johannson, Johann Trigl	Mar. 28, 1948
81.	Commercial	Sterling, William Addison	June 26, 1948
81.	Commercial	Calquhoun, Malcolm Lorne	
		Beager	Oct. 3, 1948
81.	Commercial	Deltombe, Emile Andre	Sept. 19, 1948
81.	Commercial	Reid, Carson Reid	Nov. 4, 1948
81.	Commercial	Teskey, George Herbert	Sept. 4, 1948
83.	Zetland	Duncan, Edward N.	June 25, 1948
83.	Zetland	Murray, James Scovil	Jan. 2, 1948
83.	Zetland	Quint, Walter S.	Apr. 22, 1948
83.	Zetland	Thompson, Roy Percival	Jan. 25, 1948
87.	Crescent	Douglas, John	May 24, 1948
87.	Crescent	Little, Walter	June 24, 1948
87.	Crescent	Thomson, James	Feb. 7, 1948
87.	Crescent	Gillies, George Clark	July , 1948
88.	Wahpun	Reitz, Ernest Otto	Jan. 8, 1948
89.	Peace River	Docherty, Hugh	Apr. 6, 1947
89.	Peace River	Lutman, Frank R.	May , 1946
89.	Peace River	Shumard, Elija	Feb. 1, 1948
90.	Norwood	Waldman, Sam	Apr. 17, 1948
90.	Norwood	Duckworth, George	Dec. 3, 1948
91.	Patricia	Gillies, Norman	Feb. 20, 1948
91.	Patricia	Davies, Thomas Owen	Aug. 7, 1948
91.	Patricia	Kerrison, Edward Ernest	Aug. 20, 1948
92.	Saskatchewan	Davis, John Lench	Sept. 13, 1948
95.	Kitchener	Byers, Samuel John Nelson	
		Matthew	Apr. 4, 1948

95.	Kitchener	White, Alexander A.	Feb.	20, 1948
95.	Kitchener	White, William James	Feb.	23, 1948
97.	Albion	Chandler, Sidney	Apr.	26, 1948
98.	Hand Hill	Heidt, Frederick C.	Apr.	24, 1948
98.	Hand Hill	Thompson, E. A.	Aug.	6, 1948
100.	Century	Stickle, Abram H.	Feb.	18, 1948
101.	West Edmonton	Scott, Thomas	Jan.	5, 1948
101.	West Edmonton	Sutherland, John A.		1948
102.	Edgerton	Jackson, Chalmers Glen	Dec.	7, 1948
103.	Foremost	Phillips, David Nelson	Jan.	3, 1948
104.	Cyen	Marshall, Walter Scott	Nov.	13, 1948
105.	Grande Prairie	Fleming, Clarence C.	May	12, 1948
105.	Grande Prairie	Leslie, Edward Hunter	Jan.	4, 1948
105.	Grande Prairie	Tooley, Percy John	Sept.	, 1948
107.	Carbon	Moss, Thomas	Oct.	5, 1948
108.	Pyramid	Manning, William B.	Sept.	7, 1948
110.	Kilwinning	Gold, Stewart Ramsay	Jan.	20, 1948
110.	Kilwinning	Myers, Richard H.	Nov.	16, 1948
113.	Cyprus	Chatten, Henry Herbert	June	29, 1948
113.	Cyprus	Jackson, George Henry	Aug.	2, 1948
115.	Crocus	McPhee, Warren Alvin	Aug.	30, 1948
117.	Dominion	Lovatt, Henry N.	Mar.	21, 1948
117.	Dominion	Patzig, Robert H.	Mar.	5, 1948
117.	Dominion	Jaycock, Wm. Geo.	Nov.	2, 1948
118.	St. Mark's	Anderson, John Lloyd	April	19, 1948
118.	St. Mark's	Burgess, David	Dec.	12, 1948
124.	Concord	Truesdale, Frank Verner	Nov.	24, 1948
124.	Concord	Willets, Lorne David	Nov.	9, 1948
126.	Pembina	Waugh, Walter	Dec.	28, 1948
127.	Granite	Thomson, Arthur John	May	24, 1948
129.	Meridian	Clarke, John Franklin	Feb.	20, 1948
129.	Meridian	Sharples, Herbert George	Oct.	, 1948
133.	Manyberries	Burr, Wilfred W.	Feb.	29, 1948
134.	Renfrew	Hunter, John	Oct.	28, 1948
135.	Alliance	Shepard, Lionel John	Oct.	28, 1948
141.	Efficiency	Hovde, Olav	Nov.	27, 1948
142.	Ivanhoe	Prevey, Warren W.	Feb.	8, 1948
143.	Jasper Park	Moore, Charles George	Oct.	25, 1948
145.	St. Alban's	Dale, Robert	June	2, 1948
151.	Lochearn	Horne, James	Feb.	24, 1948
160.	Sexsmith	Howard, Leonard Cowall	Feb.	24, 1948
		Strathan	Apr.	28, 1948
160.	Sexsmith	MacMillan, Huntley Mahon	Mar.	20, 1948
160.	Sexsmith	Smith, Gilbert Clarence	Mar.	9, 1948
162.	Yellowknife	Murphy, Gerald	Oct.	3, 1948

SUSPENSION, N. P. D.**December 31st, 1948.**

. 1.	Bow River	McIntyre, Edward Arthur.
1.	Bow River	Tweeddale, Samuel Neville.
2.	Medicine Hat	McCabe, C. Rom.
2.	Medicine Hat	Roberts, George.
2.	Medicine Hat	Robinson, Lowell H.
3.	Alberta	McAuley, John Alexander.
7.	Edmonton	Hendrickson, James.
7.	Edmonton	Jarvis, Alvin Elroy.
7.	Edmonton	Sibbald, John Richardson.
7.	Edmonton	Stone, Eugene David.
8.	Innisfail	Erickson, Gudmundur.
8.	Innisfail	Sinclair, John Chalmers.
8.	Innisfail	Stubbs, John Henry.
8.	Innisfail	Sveinson, Cecil Edmund.
9.	Perfection	Leeming, James.
11.	Acacia	Bone, Laverne Arthur.
11.	Acacia	Girling, Milton Bertrand.
14.	Jasper	Clash, George Albert.
17.	Nanton	Alwood, D. E.
17.	Nanton	McCollom, Frank Byrstel.
21.	King Hiram	Sutton, Vernon Brown.
22.	Corinthian	Dobbie, James C.
25.	St. John's	Feather, Jonas.
27.	Apollo	Jefferies, Glen.
27.	Apollo	Gardiner, Robert E.
28.	Ashlar	Campbell, John Collin.
28.	Ashlar	Malkin, John J.
30.	Summit	Anderson, Norman Murray.
32.	Cairo	Epstein, Kenneth.
32.	Cairo	Young, Ralph W.
34.	Star of the West	Philips, F. W.
38.	Hope	Jensen, Christian W.
41.	King Solomon	Borton, Arnold.
41.	King Solomon	Camden, William P.
42.	Bowden	Amirault, Donald J.
42.	Bowden	Brown, Charles E.
43.	Tuscan	Nash, Charles R.
51.	Unity	Hanson, Ole.
51.	Unity	MacDonald, Thomas William.
59.	King George	Findlay, William.
64.	Bow Island	Gladman, Arthur Clare.
64.	Bow Island	Nelson, Robert Burns.
68.	Edson	Davidson, Albert McIntosh.
70.	Quarry	Hamnett, Harry Stonier.
73.	Brooks	Batton, Frederick.
73.	Brooks	Ward, Stewart.
73.	Brooks	Burchill, Charles Samuel.
81.	Commercial	Cockburn, Alexander.
86.	Rocky Mountain	Gavelin, Frederick.
86.	Rocky Mountain	Dunkley, Lewis.
86.	Rocky Mountain	Weaver, Jesse John.
88.	Wahpun	Pratt, Edward William Edgar.

No.	Lodge	Name
89.	Peace River	Carson, J. E.
91.	Patricia	Galland, Arthur.
92.	Saskatchewan	Crance, Frederick Norman.
97.	Albion	Gray, Elliott.
98.	Hand Hill	Julson, Melvin Oliver.
100.	Century	Berg, Oscar A.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Allison, David Neilson.
116.	Spirit River	Anderson, Andrew.
116.	Spirit River	Donaldson, William McIntosh.
118.	St. Mark's	Irving, George Norman.
118.	St. Mark's	Martin, Gordon.
124.	Concord	Wright, Bruce Donald.
134.	Renfrew	Patterson, John Garfield.
140.	Big Valley	Griffin, Charles R.
140.	Big Valley	Wilson, William Hugh.
140.	Big Valley	Belkin, Samuel.
140.	Big Valley	Bigelow, Russell John.
140.	Big Valley	MacKay, Daniel Robert.
143.	Jasper Park	Morris, Alberta.
146.	Drumheller	Hamilton, Allan.
156.	Hythe	Brubacher, Herbert James.

RESTORATIONS.

December 31st, 1948.

No.	Lodge	Name	Date
4.	North Star	Ingram, George Albert	Feb. 13, 1948
6.	Spitzie	Taylor, Laughlin Hugh	Sept. 7, 1948
7.	Edmonton	Nash Harry	Jan. 13, 1948
8.	Innisfail	Pattie, David Walker	Dec. 16, 1948
12.	Red Deer	Leigh, Alfred Lorne	Mar. 9, 1948
12.	Red Deer	Prendergast, Edward James	Sept. 15, 1948
14.	Jasper	Davies, Glyn Vaughan	Feb. 9, 1948
14.	Jasper	O'Neil, Clifford William	Jan. 12, 1948
18.	Britannia	Shaw, Joseph Goddard	Mar. 5, 1948
19.	Cornerstone	Tompson, John	Jan. 15, 1948
23.	Calgary	Gillespie, Warburton	Apr. 2, 1948
24.	Vermilion	Ross, Percy Elves	Mar. 2, 1948
27.	Apollo	Blomfield, Stanley T.	Jan. 5, 1948
27.	Apollo	Mair, Mellis C.	June 7, 1948
28.	Ashlar	Laker, James Percival	May 13, 1948
29.	Kenilworth	Geering, George R.	May 4, 1948
29.	Kenilworth	McCann, Thos. Andrew	Sept. 7, 1948
36.	Gleichen	Taylor, Edgar W.	June 1, 1948
37.	Camrose	Ross, Alexander James	Nov. 11, 1948
39.	Lethbridge	Hodgins, Wilfred James	Feb. 27, 1948
39.	Lethbridge	Holt, Norman D.	Dec. 16, 1948
43.	Tuscan	Bonnet, Fred W.	Sept. 1, 1948
43.	Tuscan	Sully, Lorne K.	Nov. 3, 1948
45.	Ionic	Birdsall, Ivan C.	Feb. 12, 1948

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46.	Palestine	Duckfield, William James	Mar. 16, 1948
48.	Crossfield	Cavender, James	Feb. 12, 1948
48.	Crossfield	Clayton, Albert	Mar. 9, 1948
48.	Crossfield	Huser, Clarence Frederick	May 11, 1948
48.	Crossfield	Huser, George Elmer	May 11, 1948
48.	Crossfield	Ault, Allen Thurman	Oct. 12, 1948
51.	Unity	Harris, John Arthur	Feb. 3, 1948
51.	Unity	Morton, Charles Harry	June 1, 1948
57.	Grassy Lake	Carruthers, Parker	Oct. 11, 1948
59.	King George	Thorn, Frederick S.	Nov. 12, 1948
59.	King George	Roberts, Llewellyn	June 17, 1948
60.	Acme	Heaton, George Y.	Nov. 12, 1948
63.	Empire	Murray, Patrick MacLaren	Apr. 19, 1948
63.	Empire	Whetstone, Sidney William	May 17, 1948
64.	Bow Island	Nelson, Robert Bruce	Aug. 20, 1948
66.	St. Andrew's	Beggs, George Henry	June 11, 1948
72.	Coronation	Robertson, Alexander King	Feb. 13, 1948
72.	Coronation	Sorensen, Richardt B.	June 10, 1948
76.	Fidelity	Marks, Robert Hugh	Feb. 10, 1948
76.	Fidelity	Grand, George L.	Nov. 9, 1948
79.	Morning Star	Watson, Harold Stanley	Feb. 19, 1948
81.	Commercial	Lanceley, Thomas	Jan. 3, 1948
86.	Rocky Mountain	McLaren, Finlay	Jan. 13, 1948
90.	Norwood	Jenkinson, Thomas James	June 16, 1948
91.	Patricia	Burnley, J. Edwin	Feb. 20, 1948
91.	Patricia	Olfson, Ronald S.	Dec. 17, 1948
92.	Saskatchewan	Murray, James	Jan. 8, 1948
93.	Symbol	Charters, Alexander Alan	Jan. 8, 1948
96.	Dynamic	Chesness, Edwin S.	Sept. 1, 1948
96.	Dynamic	Harris, Raymond B.	Dec. 1, 1948
100.	Century	Guess, Bertram Miller	May 21, 1948
104.	Oyen	McDonald, Henry	June 1, 1948
104.	Oyen	Cunningham, R. J. Stanley	Oct. 5, 1948
116.	Spirit River	Wade, William	Apr. 19, 1948
117.	Dominion	Keil, Rowland Frederick	Mar. 10, 1948
119.	York	Gillingwater, Walter	Feb. 20, 1948
120.	Monitor	Monroe, Lowell	Apr. 12, 1948
123.	Rockyford	Chapman, Victor C.	May 6, 1948
124.	Concord	McFarquhar, Harold George	June 5, 1948
124.	Concord	Roberts, James Ernest	Sept. 18, 1948
127.	Granite	Thacker, Carl Ray	May 5, 1948
127.	Granite	Springer, Harry	Nov. 3, 1948
131.	Kitscoty	Stephen, William Thomas	Mar. 23, 1948
134.	Renfrew	Davies, Maynard Joshua	Jan. 12, 1948
136.	Cresset	Taylor, Laughlin H.	Oct. , 1948
137.	Irricana	Mantle, Victor S.	Dec. 21, 1948
151.	Lochearn	Griffiths, Leonard	June 10, 1948
153.	Whitecourt	Geddis, Robert Hamilton	Oct. 14, 1948
159.	Lucerne	Brown, Thomas Easton	Dec. 7, 1948

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No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Row River	G. W. Thomas	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat	W. H. Williams	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta	A. E. Mackay	P.O. Box No. 180, Medicine Hat.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star	E. Pouch	P.O. Box No. 402, Lethbridge.	Second Friday in each month.
5.	Gas-ale	R. A. Alexander	P.O. Box No. 70, Banff.	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spade	R. Dunlop	Fincher Creek.	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton	John S. Parer	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Imperial	W. R. Spackman	Imperial.	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection	C. S. Evans	522-19th Ave. W., Calgary.	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka	Gilbert T. Jackson	Lacombe.	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Aqua	C. W. Lillay	11030, 81st Ave., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
12.	Red Deer	A. J. N. Chamberlain	3016, 51st Ave., Red Deer.	Second Tuesday in each month.
13.	Victoria	F. H. Walton	Fort Saskatchewan.	Second Tuesday in each month.
14.	Jasper	H. B. Fowler	10751-80th Ave., Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Harry G. Smith	Box No. 398, Wetaskiwin.	Third Thursday in each month.
16.	Mountain View	Fred Barber	Olds.	First Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton	W. H. Allan	Box No. 57, Nanton.	Second Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia	F. F. Young	Ponoka.	First Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornestown	J. F. Cosgrove	High River.	Third Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs	J. W. Muir	P.O. Box 61, Carstairs.	Second Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram	H. Morgan	Dalhousie.	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian	M. B. Arl	Okotoks.	First Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary	C. H. Westmore	25 Argyle Court, Calgary.	First Friday in each month.
24.	Vermilion	H. J. Payne	Vermilion.	First Tuesday in each month.
25.	St. John's	A. E. Gudmundson	Vegreville.	First Monday in each month.
26.	Sentinel	Fred Padgett	Beaurevoir.	Second Thursday in each month.
27.	Apollo	H. Richardson	Stirling.	First Monday in each month.
28.	Ashlar	Chris. W. J. Blomfield	313-10A St. N.W., Calgary.	Second Thursday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth	John Menzie	P.O. Box 1, Red Deer.	First Tuesday in each month.
30.	Summit	M. W. Cooke	Calman.	First Thursday in each month.
31.	Doric	Dora Muir	Tabor.	Second Tuesday in each month.
32.	Caro	T. A. Atkinson	Clareholm.	Third Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely	A. C. Patterson	Slavely.	First Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West	Harvey F. Chirlick	Leduc.	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah	Jas. Henderson	St. 22 View Court, Medicine Hat.	Third Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen	A. F. MacCallum	Box 272, Gleichen.	First Tuesday in each month.
37.	Camrose	M. W. McDonnell	Camrose.	Second Monday in each month.
38.	Hope	C. G. Torrance	Manville.	Second Tuesday in each month.
39.	Lethbridge	J. Edgar Rannard	642 - 12th St. South, Lethbridge.	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa	O. H. Edwards	Graham.	Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain.	S. McDowell.	Blairmore.	Second Tuesday in each month.
87.	Crecent.	A. S. Morgan.	1619 - 3rd St. N.W., Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Wapiti.	J. W. Bissell	High Prairie.	Second Thursday in each month.
89.	Peace River.	T. A. Norris	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood.	F. J. Bradley	12045-95A St., Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
91.	Parkton.	J. L. Vellish	Box 491, Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan.	George W. Emery	12613-107th Ave., Edmonton.	Second Monday in each month.
93.	Samuel.	John E. Taylor	P.O. Box No. 44, Drumheller.	First Tuesday in each month.
94.	Lamont.	A. H. Bennett.	Rimbey.	First Tuesday in each month.
95.	Kitchener.	H. N. Taylor.	Holton.	First Thursday in each month.
96.	Dynanic.	F. Smides	Chauvin.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
97.	Albion.	W. O. Spence	Della River.	Third Tuesday in each month.
98.	Hand Hills	M. J. Sinclair	10864 - 73rd St., Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
100.	Century.	D. B. Thomson	Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton.	J. E. Dadds	Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
102.	Edgerton.	G. C. Welsh	Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
103.	Foremost.	S. P. Alberson	Oyen.	Third Thursday in each month.
104.	Oyen.	O. E. Samuelson	Grande Prairie.	Third Thursday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie	W. Hayne	Wembley.	Third Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatchewan.	R. C. Newcom	Carbon.	Third Thursday in each month.
107.	Carbon.	F. Emery	Lomond.	Third Thursday in each month.
108.	Pyramid	S. G. Chalg.	Unisree.	Third Thursday in each month.
109.	Winning.	I. Richards	Voleford.	Third Thursday in each month.
110.	Winning.	H. J. Thomson	Box 93, Three Hills.	Third Thursday in each month.
111.	Cypress.	Wm. Harle	P.O. Box No. 5, Westlock.	Third Thursday in each month.
112.	Westlock.	W. J. McCullough.	Chinook.	Third Thursday in each month.
113.	Cavell.	R. V. Lawrence	Spirit River.	Third Thursday in each month.
114.	Crooks.	J. M. Fildes	10124 - 120th St., Edmonton.	Third Thursday in each month.
115.	Spirit River	E. Foster	133-15th Avenue East, Calgary	Third Thursday in each month.
116.	Dominion.	Geo. A. J. Bracken.	Box 301, Lettbridge.	Third Thursday in each month.
117.	St. Mark's.	Geo. A. Thompson.	Rockyford	Third Thursday in each month.
118.	York.	A. B. Selnes	Delburne.	Third Thursday in each month.
119.	Monitor.	J. M. Tonte	Blackie.	Third Thursday in each month.
120.	Rockyford.	Gilbert Tremee	Foreburg	Third Thursday in each month.
121.	Concord.	Roy A. Warren	Stony Plain.	Third Thursday in each month.
122.	Pembina.	I. F. Goode	Husker.	Third Thursday in each month.
123.	Granite.	Geo. Irvine Scott	Kitscoty.	Third Thursday in each month.
124.	Foreburg.	Wm. Smith, Jr.	Manyberries	Third Thursday in each month.
125.	Meridian.	Jas. Malloch		
126.	Granite.	G. G. Montgomery		
127.	Foreburg.	J. G. Inglis		
128.	Meridian.	F. F. Paterson		
129.	Kitcoty.	R. F. Marietta		
130.	Husker.			
131.	Kitcoty.			
132.	Craigville.			
133.	Manyberries			

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134.	Renfrew.....	G. S. R. Latit.....	1712 - 10th St. S.W., Calgary.	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance.....	P. R. Elliott.....	Alliance.....	First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Crescent.....	W. R. Madill.....	Barrons.....	First Monday in each month.
137.	Orricana.....	A. W. Longson.....	Kathryn.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway.....	Sidney A. Mills.....	Onoway.....	First Wednesday in each month.
140.	Big Valley.....	Frank Dewar.....	Big Valley.....	First Tuesday in each month.
141.	Efficiency.....	J. H. Cochrane.....	Hughenden.....	First Monday in each month.
142.	Ivanhoe.....	J. Madill.....	10178-118th St. Edmonton.....	Third Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park.....	E. A. Shaw.....	Box 113, Jasper.....	Second Thursday in each month.
144.	Grafton.....	P. H. Targett.....	Irma.....	Third Thursday in each month.
145.	St. Alban.....	Norman E. Stanley.....	St. Paul.....	Fourth Saturday in each month.
146.	Drumheller.....	Victor E. Nelson.....	P.O. Box No. 381, Drumheller.	Third Tuesday in each month.
147.	Northland.....	J. D. Forgie.....	Fairview.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Harold Grigg.....	Mayerthorpe.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
151.	Lochearn.....	A. W. Brockman.....	Rocky Mountain House.....	Third Monday in each month.
152.	Standard.....	F. D. Knowlton.....	Standard.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
153.	Whitecourt.....	H. C. Merrifield.....	Whitecourt.....	First Monday in each month.
154.	Waskatenau.....	P. J. Fuks.....	P.O. Box No. 48 Waskatenau.....	First Wednesday in each month.
156.	Hythe.....	C. C. Henderson.....	Hythe.....	Last Thursday in each month.
157.	Sharon.....	J. N. Lowery.....	Picture Butte.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158.	Perry Creek.....	John A. Julev.....	Sunnybrook.....	First Tuesday in each month.
159.	Lucerne.....	Claude Sutton.....	Vauxhall.....	First Tuesday in each month.
160.	Reasmith.....	E. M. Wegren.....	Reasmith.....	Last Thursday in each month.
161.	Empress.....	David Lush.....	Empress.....	First Wednesday in each month.
162.	Yellowknife.....	A. T. Rivett.....	Yellowknife, N.W.T.....	First Thursday in each month.
163.	Ancient Landmark.....	L. A. Archibald.....	P.O. Box No. 143, Mirror	Second Saturday in each month.
U.D.	Gateway.....	Harold A. Chowne.....	Ste. C.9749A 105th St., Edmonton.	

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No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1947	Degrees			Affiliated	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1948	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N.P.D.	I.M.C.	Died			
1.	Bow River	217	9	12	8	3	0	0	2	0	7	220	3	0
2.	Medicine Hat	273	22	31	2	3	0	1	3	0	7	287	14	0
3.	Alberta	96	5	5	5	0	0	1	1	0	3	96	0	0
4.	North Star	197	8	8	8	1	1	2	0	0	6	199	2	0
5.	Cascade	144	12	12	12	2	0	1	0	0	2	155	11	0
6.	Spitzie	105	7	9	6	1	1	3	0	0	3	108	3	0
7.	Edmonton	297	22	22	22	9	1	5	4	0	6	314	17	0
8.	Innisfail	100	5	5	4	1	1	4	4	0	1	98	0	2
9.	Perfection	355	20	19	28	6	0	4	1	0	11	365	10	2
10.	Eureka	98	9	9	13	6	0	2	0	0	6	105	7	0
11.	Acacia	265	22	24	23	7	0	4	2	0	1	287	22	0
12.	Red Deer	117	8	8	6	5	2	2	0	0	0	130	13	0
13.	Victoria	43	5	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	45	2	0
14.	Jasper	125	10	10	10	2	2	5	1	0	3	130	5	0
15.	Wetaskiwin	106	4	4	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	108	2	0
16.	Mountain View	94	11	12	12	6	0	5	0	0	1	105	11	0
17.	Nanton	88	10	13	9	1	0	1	2	0	0	96	8	0
18.	Britannia	88	2	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	2	85	0	3
19.	Cornerstone	141	7	4	3	2	1	2	0	0	3	146	5	0
20.	Carstairs	43	8	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	53	10	0
21.	King Hiram	82	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	83	1	0
22.*	Corinthian	149	10	10	11	1	0	0	1	0	4	155	6	0
23.	Calgary	159	13	12	12	9	1	5	0	0	2	175	16	0
24.	Vermilion	132	8	11	10	1	1	2	0	0	3	137	5	0
25.	St. John's	106	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	4	101	0	5
26.	Sentinel	81	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	83	2	0
27.*	Apollo	96	6	6	6	3	2	2	2	0	3	100	4	0
28.	Ashlar	157	8	10	11	2	1	6	2	0	2	158	1	0
29.	Kenilworth	110	8	5	7	2	2	5	0	0	1	116	6	0
30.	Summit	69	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	71	2	0
31.	Doric	78	4	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	1	81	3	0
32.	Cairo	111	3	7	7	1	0	4	2	0	3	106	0	5
33.	Stavely	54	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	52	0	2
34.*	Star of the West	67	2	3	3	2	0	4	1	0	1	65	0	2
35.	Mizpah	166	10	12	10	2	0	0	0	0	3	175	9	0
36.	Gleichen	78	3	4	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	80	2	0

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dmitted	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
37.	Camrose	108	6	6	6	3	1	5	0	0	1	112	4	0
38.	Hope	60	6	6	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	64	4	0
39.	Lethbridge	178	17	14	14	3	2	3	0	0	0	197	19	0
40.	Joppa	32	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	31	0	1
41.	King Solomon	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	56	0	2
42.	Bowden	56	4	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	58	2	0
43.	Tuscan	48	2	3	3	1	2	2	1	0	1	49	1	0
44.	Buffalo Park	62	4	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	64	2	0
45.	Ionic	41	2	2	3	1	1	5	0	0	0	40	0	1
46.	Palestine	57	2	4	4	1	1	2	0	0	1	58	1	0
47.	Chinook	32	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	0	0
48.	Crossfield	56	5	5	8	1	5	6	0	0	0	61	5	0
49.	Robert Burns	37	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	0	0
50.	Comet	43	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	1	0
51.	Unity	348	23	24	23	8	2	6	2	0	4	369	21	0
53.	Strathmore	100	11	9	10	3	0	0	0	0	1	113	13	0
54.	Mount Lebanon	175	12	12	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	187	12	0
55.	Bassano	80	6	7	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	85	5	0
56.	Beaver	56	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	53	0	3
57.	Grassy Lake	40	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	39	0	1
58.	Chief Mountain	47	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	51	4	0
59.	King George	293	18	18	18	2	2	9	1	0	9	296	3	0
60.	Acme	55	3	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	55	0	0
61.	Provost	64	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	64	0	0
62.	Melrose	53	2	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	53	0	0
63.	Empire	115	6	6	6	2	2	4	0	0	2	119	4	0
64.	Bow Island	61	4	2	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	61	0	0
65.	Diamond City	38	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	2	0
66.	St. Andrew's	62	3	3	3	2	1	2	0	0	1	65	3	0
67.	Charity	75	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	2	0
68.	Edson	168	7	7	7	3	0	1	1	0	4	172	4	0
69.	Connaught	45	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	51	6	0
70.	Quarry	38	4	5	5	1	0	1	1	0	1	40	2	0
71.	Tawatinaw	55	4	4	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	58	3	0
72.	Coronation	68	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	66	0	2
73.	Brooks	118	7	7	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	123	5	0
74.	Vulcan	90	2	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	91	1	0
75.	Harmony	36	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	3	0
76.	Fidelity	79	4	5	5	0	2	6	0	0	0	79	0	0
77.	Strathcona	156	15	12	11	4	0	3	0	0	4	168	12	0
78.	Hanna	111	1	3	4	3	0	3	0	0	1	111	0	0
79.	Morning Star	47	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	48	1	0
80.	Excelsior	21	5	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	7	0

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised				V.P.D.	J.M.C.	Died			
81.	Commercial	187	20	20	20	2	1	2	1	0	8	199	12	0
82.	Acadia	40	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	2	0
83.	Zetland	234	6	9	6	9	0	3	0	0	4	242	8	0
84.	Champion	44	8	8	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	53	9	0
86.	Rocky Mountain	72	2	2	8	1	1	2	3	0	0	71	0	1
87.	Crescent	217	13	14	14	5	0	1	0	0	4	230	13	0
88.	Wahpun	62	4	4	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	64	2	0
89.	Peace River	93	13	13	11	2	0	2	1	0	3	105	9	0
90.	Norwood	121	27	22	22	3	1	1	0	0	2	149	28	0
91.	Patricia	211	7	8	6	2	2	3	1	0	3	215	4	0
92.	Saskatchewan	139	12	12	12	2	1	1	1	0	1	151	12	0
93.*	Symbol	162	8	8	8	2	1	4	0	0	0	169	7	0
94.	Lamont	52	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	54	2	0
95.	Kitchener	37	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	38	1	0
96.	Dynamic	39	4	3	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	47	8	0
97.	Albion	41	3	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	41	0	0
98.	Hand Hill	65	9	9	9	0	0	2	1	0	2	69	4	0
100.	Century	83	4	4	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	85	2	0
101.	West Edmonton	141	9	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	149	8	0
102.	Edgerton	46	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	0	1
103.	Foremost	56	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	0	0
104.	Oyen	82	4	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	1	85	3	0
105.	Grande Prairie	106	8	7	6	2	0	2	0	0	3	111	5	0
106.	Lake Saskatoon	42	2	3	4	1	0	2	1	0	0	42	0	0
107.	Carbon	68	4	4	4	1	0	3	0	0	1	69	1	0
108.	Pyramid	37	4	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	38	1	0
110.	Kilwinning	26	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	25	0	1
111.	Nobleford	30	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	2	0
113.	Cyprus	52	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	50	0	2
114.	Westlock	76	7	7	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	86	10	0
115.*	Crocus	38	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	37	0	1
116.	Spirit River	76	3	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	77	1	0
117.	Dominion	135	7	7	4	0	1	1	0	0	3	139	4	0
118.	St. Mark's	127	8	9	9	0	0	5	2	0	2	126	0	1
119.	York	137	5	5	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	145	8	0
120.	Monitor	44	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	49	5	0
123.	Rockyford	54	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	56	2	0
124.	Concord	163	9	9	8	4	2	2	1	0	2	173	10	0
125.	Cavell	52	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	5	0
126.	Pembina	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	0	0
127.	Granite	79	4	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	84	5	0
128.	Forestburg	43	5	4	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	47	4	0
129.	Meridian	60	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	59	0	1
130.	Hussar	49	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	1	0

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

December 31, 1948

No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1947	Degrees			Affiliated	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1948	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimitted	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
131.	Kitscoty	57	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	61	4	0
132.	Craigmyle	43	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	1	0
133.	Manyberries	40	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	39	0	1
134.	Renfrew	154	14	14	15	1	1	2	1	0	1	166	12	0
135.	Alliance	44	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	0	0
136.	Cresset	33	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	33	0	0
137.	Irricana	63	1	1	3	2	1	2	0	0	0	65	2	0
138.	Onoway	37	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	40	3	0
140.	Big Valley	61	3	3	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	60	0	1
141.	Efficiency	46	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	46	0	0
142.	Ivanhoe	177	7	9	9	6	0	5	0	0	1	184	7	0
143.	Jasper Park	112	5	6	6	2	0	2	1	0	1	115	3	0
144.	Gratton	37	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	35	0	2
145.	St. Alban's	57	6	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	62	5	0
146.	Drumheller	91	5	5	11	5	0	0	1	0	0	100	9	0
147.	Northland	73	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	74	1	0
148.	Mayerthorpe	40	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	43	3	0
151.	Lochearn	85	5	8	8	1	2	1	0	0	1	91	6	0
152.	Standard	44	1	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	0	0
153.	Whitecourt	43	2	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	45	2	0
154.	Waskatenau	30	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	28	0	2
156.	Hythe	56	4	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	59	3	0
157.	Sharon	44	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2	0
158.	Berry Creek	43	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	3	0
159.	Lucerne	32	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	35	3	0
160.	Sexsmith	42	4	4	6	3	0	3	0	0	3	43	1	0
161.	Empress	42	4	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	48	6	0
162.	Yellowknife	56	4	5	10	3	0	2	0	0	1	60	4	0
163.	Ancient Landmark	21	6	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	33	12	0
U.D.	Gateway	14	6	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	22	8	0

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. David Anderson (118)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John B. Wallace (55)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Booth (51)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. J. N. Stewart (12)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Charles Gillies (79)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Melrose.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John H. Forckel (22)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

(D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas H. Hatch (58))

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Century.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Ernest Fisher (26)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Stone (56)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Consort
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Ramsey

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. L. L. Lister (117)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Manville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Russell D. Robbie (74)

No. 49	Robert Burrs.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Harry W. Taylor (91)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Stratheona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Oneway.....	Oneway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
U.D.	Gateway.....	Edmonton

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Clarence W. Campsall (89)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Hugh H. Forster (158)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville
No. 161	Empress.....	Empress

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Ben F. Mathers (113)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana
No. 163	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Farmer (93)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Finnemore (169)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

DISTRICT No. 18

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Herbert H. Mumby (48)

No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

No. 162 Yellowknife.....Yellowknife, N.W.T

Grand Master's Representative—R. W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

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1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.

Proceedings, 1925.

15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.

6. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. **Question:** Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer:** A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. **Question:** What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer:** All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. **Question:** May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer:** No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. **Question:** Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer:** Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. **Question:** Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer:** Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. **Question:** Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer:** No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. **Question:** Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer:** No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?
- Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
- Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings 1936.
43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.
47. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.
48. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.
49. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.
50. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.

51. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
52. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting.
Proceedings, 1939.
53. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.
54. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
55. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.
56. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England.
Proceedings, 1941.
57. That members of the Armed Forces who hail from other Jurisdictions, regardless of whether they comply with the twelve months' residence clause, have no legal residence status in our Jurisdiction. They are still domiciled in the Jurisdiction from which they hail. And no application shall be received except by permission of the Grand Master when waivers must be obtained from their home Jurisdiction and after residence clause has been strictly adhered to.
58. Question: Is it proper for the Worshipful Master to cast one ballot for an elective office on a motion moved and seconded and passed by the Lodge?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1943.
59. Question: Is the Collective Ballot permissible, that is, One Ballot taken for a number of Candidates?
Answer: No. An Individual Ballot must be taken on each Candidate—where several Ballot boxes are used with the name of the applicant plainly marked on each box—this is considered an Individual Ballot.
Proceedings—1949.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have pleasure in presenting their Review of the Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal relation, and it is hoped that the brethren will derive not only pleasure in reading these reviews but that much information will be gleaned as to what is going on in the Masonic World.

Many of the Jurisdictions report large increases in membership, with Lodges continually busy conferring degrees to the detriment of more important labors. In some cases we find Grand Masters complaining that Lodge membership is increasing while the number of Lodges remain more or less constant, so that many Lodges are developing large memberships which are more or less unwieldy and not in the best interests of the craft. More Lodges with smaller membership would be much more effective, bringing the brethren more closely together and strengthening the bonds of fellowship so that Lodge activities would be stimulated by development of greater interests among the brethren.

Massachusetts in its declaration on Prince Hall or negro Masonry has stirred up considerable controversy, and while the motives that activated their action were not appreciated at large, yet it does show that the great lessons of Freemasonry have not been fully appreciated, nor are we ready to accept the doctrine of the brotherhood of man in its entirety.

In Europe the Masonic sky is still somewhat clouded, and Grand Lodges can only move with caution when granting recognition to the many who claim to be the only true Masonic Grand Body. In Italy there are several bodies claiming recognition, and with the confusion existing it is difficult to determine which should be granted recognition. We in Alberta would do well to watch the attitude of the United Grand Lodge of England, for they are in the best position to obtain the true facts and in following them we of Alberta will not go far wrong.

Democracy and Communism play an important role in the addresses of many Grand Masters and every effort seems to have been put forward to stress the necessity of guarding the privileges we enjoy under democracy, for as Masons we know what has happened in other countries brought under the communistic form of government.

The Grand Lodge Library contains the volumes that are here reviewed, and it is suggested that these books should be used to much greater advantage than seems to be the case, for they contain a mine of information and the well informed Mason will want to browse among them.

As chairman I wish to express my thanks to the following brethren who have assisted me in preparing these reviews for your pleasure.

WM. IRELAND, Chairman.

May 30th, 1949.

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ALABAMA

The One-Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention was held in Montgomery, Alabama, November 16th and 17th, 1948, M.W. Bro. I. E. Farmer presiding, and looking back on some of the reports of this Grand Jurisdiction we can see that the Masonic spirit of 1948 shows the same progress, the same Masonic spirit and the same service to Mankind, and we brethren in Alberta wish them every continued success and especially with their "Masonic Home": Truly a great Masonic effort!

We are sorry to note that the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, W. Bro. George Newell, was not present.

Most Worshipful Brother Farmer granted 31 dispensations to confer the first three degrees of Masonry on maimed candidates and refused 3. His address covers many activities and we feel sure that the Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama received great impetus from his year of office. The financial condition of this Grand Jurisdiction is also in a healthy state, the total assets being over One Million Dollars, almost half of which is invested in the U.S.A. Government Bonds. The Grand Jurisdiction of Alabama is to be highly commended on its "Masonic Home". The success and operation of this "Home" is watched with much interest by many other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. L. M. Clark, gave a very inspiring address and we have read it with much interest. It is well worth the reading from a historical standpoint and also for its message of courage to each and every Freemason. In one part he gives us this message:

"Masons from time immemorial have taught and put into practice the lessons of Equality: The doctrine that all men everywhere

are entitled to the equal and exact justice they have proclaimed with their lips and defended with their lives."

"Yes! we meet on the Level
Though from different stations come,
The rich man from his mansion,
The poor man from his home;
But the rich must leave his hoarded gold
Outside our temple door,
And the servant feels himself a man
Upon the Mason's floor."

—W.E.B.

ARIZONA

Members 7792, Lodges 40, Net gain 439.
Grand Master M.W. Bro. William M. Cox.
Grand Secretary V.W. Bro. H. A. Drachman.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona was convened in the Masonic Temple in the city of Tucson, Arizona, on the seventh day of April, 1948.

I noticed two amendments to the constitution that I thought might be of interest, "15b. The retiring Grand Master shall recommend four skilled brethren for the office of Junior Grand Warden. No nomination speeches shall be made, nor shall any name suggested be seconded. These recommendations shall in no way interfere with the right and privilege of the members of Grand Lodge to cast their ballots for whomsoever they may deem worthy to hold this office." "16a. All appointments to office by the Grand Master shall be considered complimentary and shall not be regarded as creating any obligation of any kind on any succeeding Grand Master."

The Grand Master in his address remarks on the interest taken by the new and younger members in learning the ritualistic work. Through the improvement and strengthening of the character of the individual man, Freemasonry makes a great improvement in the life of every community. It is very encouraging to see so many of the members are young men who come in and give their full Masonic loyalty to its declaration of principles. May they live to carry on in support of this free Government of the United States which was cradled in the arms of Freemasonry.

In the report of the Masonic Service Association we note in regard to the Veterans Hospital, in Tucson, that from the 5th May, 1947, to March 27th, 1948, the visiting committee had made 11,661 contacts, divided as follows: Masonic Brethern 3,270, non-Masonic contacts 8,391, which shows that this committee was really on the job. In the report of committee on correspondence, we note that they recommended that the printing of the reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Jurisdictions be discontinued, was not adopted, with the result that there are no reviews, on account of the time from when

Grand Lodge meeting and the proceedings going to press there was insufficient time.

This review would not be complete without mention of the address of the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Conrad H. Baldwin, "Masonry and the Battle of Peace". He has this to say: "Masonry has always stood for education. The boys and girls in our schools today will be the men and women in our society tomorrow. The celebrated words that a cultivated mind is the guarding genius of democracy, were never more appropriate than they are today when subversive propaganda would destroy the foundations of our democracy. We must demand the proper education of youth; we must do all we can to create in youth the desire to follow the time tried American principles. He says that the glory of Arizona is not in her minerals or herds of cattle, but in her educational institutions. Our wealth is in our schools and in their students.

"The youth of our country must be inoculated with the sound precepts of our forefathers and with the abiding principles of our constitution. They must be taught to respect and to obey the law of the land; they must be warned against subversive diseases which would sap democracy's strength; they must be lead to honor God, to revere the home, and to practice true religion."

According to the roll call Alberta's Grand Representative was not present. —T.A.M.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. G. Roy Long

Grand Master (elect), M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Ellis.

Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, P.G.M., Vancouver. Lodges 126; Members 16,410; Gain 1,011.

Grand Representative for Alberta, W. Bro. D. D. Munro, (Present).

Grand Representative for British Columbia in Alberta, M.W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, P.G.M.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held at Vancouver, B.C., on the 17th and 18th days of June, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. G. Roy Long, presiding.

One Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Vancouver, on August 8th, 1947, for the purpose of Constituting and Consecrating King George Lodge, No. 129.

Among the distinguished visitors received at the Annual Communication was our Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. H. B. Macdonald.

The address of the M.W. Grand Master was a most scholarly one. He opened his address as follows: "The Loom of the Weaver, that weaves the web of the years, has once again woven the shining threads of another year of Masonic activities into the mystic and variegated pattern." His address is both historical and instructive

throughout. I recommend it to all who can arrange to read it. His visits to Lodges are very numerous, also attended a long list of Special Events, both in and outside of his Grand Jurisdiction. Four new Lodges were instituted. Several requests for rulings were referred to the Jurisprudence Committee who ruled amongst other rulings regarding physical disabilities that a candidate could not be permitted to wear an hearing aid. The Grand Master recommended that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of adopting the system of District Meetings as now held in other Western Grand Jurisdictions.

Grand Lodge endorsed the publication of a history of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia which this reviewer considers to be a splendid idea and one that other Grand Lodges could follow.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia mourns the loss of M.W. Bro. C. M. Kingston who was Grand Master in 1938 and since the Proceedings were published they mourn the loss of M.W. Bro. Dr. G.A.B. Hall and their Dean of Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. Harry H. Watson. Alberta sympathises with our brethren in British Columbia in the great loss they have sustained as these distinguished brethren were well known to many of us. We also wish the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, P.G.M., a speedy and full recovery to good health.

The Credential Committee reported 110 Lodges were represented by 627 representatives who carried a total vote of 763 votes, there also being 71 visitors present.

Alberta receives a very complete and kindly review. Thank you J.R.O. I am sorry to inform you that your old friend R.W. Bro. N. T. MacLeod, P.D.D.G.M., passed away recently and we deeply mourn his passing.

The M.W. Grand Master closes his excellent address by stating his year as Grand Master was one of the happiest and most pleasurable, though the busiest year of his life (as I believe is the case with all Grand Masters), and he concludes with the following verse:

"There are voices of the Past,
Links of a broken chain
Wings that will bear me back
To the days that will not come again.
Yet, God forbid, that I should lose
The memories that remain."

—S.H.

CALIFORNIA—1948

The 99th annual gathering of the Masons of California in Grand Lodge took place at San Francisco, October 11, with M.W. Bro. Chester H. Warlow presiding as Grand Master.

In his message the Grand Master stated that Masonry in California had prospered and the total membership increased materially. In attending to his duties as Grand Master he travelled 13,000 miles

by airplane, 4,000 by rail and 20,000 by automobile, during which he addressed over 25,000 persons. What a strain on one's physical endurance! Among the places where he fraternised was Guatemala. Here he found Masonry upon a high plane, was accorded gracious hospitality and established fine friendships. On the Hawaiian Islands he found Masonry occupying a high place in the opinion of the citizens

Three new lodges were established during the year and dispensation issued to six more. "Masonry is on the march in California," he said.

The Grand Lodge had made substantial donations of money for European Masonic relief.

Reference is made to an apparent conflict between the Grand Lodge of California and that of Massachusetts over recognition given by the latter body to a Negro lodge. In a lengthy dissertation over the matter in which the Grand Master reviewed the history of this particular lodge and the action of the Massachusetts respecting it, he felt in general terms, he could come to no other conclusion than that the Lodge was clandestine and therefore could not be given sanction by California.

In concluding his address the Grand Master said:

"The usefulness of men and institutions is to be determined by what they give rather than by what they receive . . . the past can only be justified by more potential labors and by passing on to posterity an organization improved and broadened in its scope and usefulness."

To all of which we heartily concur.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows total receipts from all sources of \$2,466,273.00 and total disbursements of \$2,344,260.00.

The total membership was 183,198 as compared with 173,917 in 1947. There were raised 11,699 members during the year.

Much attention is paid the financing and maintenance of Masonic homes.

The Endowments funds are large and impressive.

Large amounts were spent by individual lodges on new buildings and repairs of old ones.

Considerable attention is given to youth movement.

The budget for 1948-49 calls for an estimated expenditure of over \$266,000.

The report is a voluminous one taking up over 480 pages of close print.

Edward H. Siems was elected Grand Master.

—I.W.M.

CANADA (Ontario)

Grand Master (presiding)—M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson.

Grand Master (re-elected)—M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon.

Lodges—572.

Members—109,008.

Gain—4,508.

The Ninety-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was held on July 21st, 1948, in the City of Toronto, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. T. H. Simpson, presiding.

The Grand Master's address was a comprehensive survey of the highlights of his year in office. In this address he expressed his thanks to M.W. Bro. Dunlop for representing him at the 1947 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Three lodges—Ontario, No. 26, of Port Hope; Dalhousie, No. 52, of Ottawa, and Corinthian, No. 101, of Peterborough, had claims recognized to one hundred years of active existence, and the members of these lodges were authorized to wear gold trimmed regalia.

Changes in provincial legislation and regulations governing the sale and distribution of intoxicants precipitated a ruling by the Grand Master on their application insofar as lodges were concerned. Referring to dissension in the years past when regulations permitted the serving of beer during the refreshment hour, he ruled:

- (1) The serving, use or consumption of intoxicants at any function held under Masonic auspices or at any gathering of Craft Masons is prohibited.
- (2) The above regulation covers the secretive possession and consumption of liquor by a member or his guest at a lodge "At Home" or any other lodge gathering.
- (3) No member of the Craft shall attend any lodge assembly in an intoxicated condition.
- (4) The bringing of any intoxicants upon lodge premises owned or controlled by Masons is prohibited.

"Food Parcels for Britain" was a major activity of Grand Lodge. Every lodge in the Jurisdiction contributed. A total of \$50,000 had been asked for, but over \$120,000 was collected. Names of worthy brethren overseas were furnished by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters emphasized the theme of Masonic Education. Many recognized a deficiency in this phase of Masonic activity. The report from Brant District says: "With regard to Masonic Education, there was little time left for it as the conferring of degrees and the regular work occupied all the available time without prolonging the meetings." From Grey District, on the other hand, it was reported that a detailed Masonic Education program was in effect. "On several of my official visits," remarks the D.D.G.M., "exceptionally fine addresses were given by well-skilled brethren."

The District reports also refer frequently to Masonic Divine Services. From Frontenac: "Divine Services have been held by the majority of lodges in the District during the year, and they show a marked increase in attendance as lodges within reasonable range co-operate with one another in attending several services."

Fraternal Correspondence occupies almost one hundred pages of the 1947 Proceedings. The Alberta Communication receives favourable review.
—M.J.V.D.

COLORADO — 1947

The 97th Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado convened in the Cathedral of Colorado Consistory No. 1, Denver, Colorado, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday the 16th September, 1947; the meeting being opened in ample form by the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Grover C. Olinger.

Distinguished guests from Arizona, Guatemala, Kansas, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Utah and Wyoming were welcomed and 75 Grand Representatives were presented. Alberta's representative, however, was not in attendance.

In his report of his year's administration, M.W. Bro. Grover C. Olinger stated he had visited 101 of the 148 Lodges, and adds, "It was indeed heartening to visit with the brethren in their home Lodges and witness the spirit of devotion to the cause of Freemasonry. This was especially true of the smaller Lodges throughout the State." He also attended the Annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America held at Washington, D.C., and the 37th Annual Convention of the George Washington National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Harry W. Bundy, who was honored by being invited to reply to the address of welcome of M.W. Grand Master Harold R. Stephenson of Virginia.

117 special dispensations were granted, nine of which were to receive the petition of a candidate irrespective of physical defects and two were refused "to accept the petition of a physically impaired man."

One new Lodge, Lakeview Lodge No. 170, was constituted, this being the first new Lodge formed in 19 years.

The reports of Committees are adorned with a photo of the chairman of the committee, which adds a nice touch and seems to lend greater interest to these reports. The Grand Secretary's report shows 148 Lodges with a membership of 36,370, and is the greatest ever shown in this jurisdiction, it having been augmented over the preceding year by a net gain of 2,167.

Bro. Olin P. Lee's oration entitled "Masonry in a Dynamic Age" gave us much pleasure in the reading. He sets forth the principles of Masonry and how they can be applied to the present times, pointing

out that in these principles will be found the solution for most of our world problems. He concludes his discourse: "The days ahead will be days of stress. We can hardly expect a dynamic age to be a tranquil one. New situations will test the strength of our civilization. Economic and social strife will endanger it. National and racial antagonisms will threaten its safety. It may be that war will again engulf it, that the strength of many will fail, and the hearts of some grow faint from fear. In this hour the mission of Masonry is to promote clarity of vision, strength of character, and faith in the unseen universe as revealed in the Great Light upon our altar, for these factors are essential to our safety in this most dynamic of ages. If these qualities permeate our American institutions they will endure. Then amid the winds of adversity, the storms of danger, and even the floods of disaster, our civilization will stand secure for it will rest upon the rock of Eternal Truth, the foundation that undergirds the universe."

There is no review of the proceedings of various Grand Lodges, but M.W. Bro. Harry L. Baum gives a summary, with comment, of some of the more important events of Masonic significance gleaned from the perusal of some 59 volumes of Proceedings of Grand Lodges. His remarks cover such subjects as "Membership", "Freemasonry among Colored Americans", "Freemasonry in a world not yet at peace". He reports a Masonic population for the U.S.A. of 3,032,732, a net gain of 6.8%, and asks the question, "How can these new members be made really integral parts of the body of Masonry?" He goes on to state, "Many thousands of words have been spoken and written on this subject, and many thousands more will need to be, for the reason that the subject represents the heart and core of the purpose of Lodges—they exist, primarily, to make Masons, and Masons are not created overnight, though members may be . . . It takes time and work to make Masons, and the sooner Lodges, Grand Lodges, officers, and members accept this fact, and are governed by it, the better for all of Freemasonry, and for the world . . . There is, of course, no perfect way of facilitating and assuring the necessary expenditure of time and work on and by each new member—but there is a best way, if any generalization is worthy of mention as a remedy. That best way is, I believe, the way of the small Lodge", with which contention we are in full accord. Bro. Edward Hedblom, chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, in his report, has the following to say on this same subject: "Complaint comes from all Jurisdictions that we make too many members and too few Masons. We take a Candidate and pass him hurriedly through the ceremonies of the degrees, with the bare recital of the Ritual Lectures. We place in his hands a key to a lock of most intricate contrivance, but we fail to instruct him in the use of that key. No wonder that he never opens the door. It is our bounden duty to enlighten him on the principles of Masonry, its helpfulness and practicability."

Grand Master—John R. Swinton.

Grand Secretary—Harry W. Bundy.

—L.D.N.

COLORADO - 1948

The 88th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado was held in the Cathedral of Colorado Consistory No. 1, Denver, Colorado, Tues-

day and Wednesday, September 21st and 22nd, 1948, with R.W. Bro. S. Stuart Krebs, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Our sympathy goes out to the Masons of Colorado, who must have assembled with hearts heavy with sorrow at the untimely death of their Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John R. Swinton, on September 10th, but a few short days prior to the date of their Grand Communication. The Grand Lodge stood reverently in silence while Bro. Stewart Houseman, Organist, rendered "The Vacant Chair".

The reception of Past Grand Masters showed thirteen present, and no less than 65 Grand Representatives answered the roll call. Alberta, however, was not represented. A unique feature was the response of Robert D. Shields, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil, bringing a message from the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Carlos Reis Filho, which W. Bro. Shields delivered in Portuguese, and translated into English immediately after.

The report of Grand Master Swinton, which had been partially prepared prior to his death, was read by M.W. Bro. Kenneth O. Wood, P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Swinton attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association and viewed the Relic Room and Replica Room in the memorial. He states, "The Replica Room is an exact reproduction in arrangement and size of the original Lodge room as Washington presided in it, with the original furniture and decorations, with many other mementos of the same Lodge and period. The Relic Room adjoining contains many priceless letters and mementos of Bro. George Washington". He also attended the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D.C., the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Trustees of Benevolent Fund point out the fund had grown from a sixty-dollar donation made in 1900 to over a million dollars at the present time, and the board now has an office of its own. The number of beneficiaries receiving relief from the fund has now dropped to twenty-three, the lowest for years. One beneficiary, who had lost the sight of both eyes during an attempted hold-up, has been on the rolls for thirty years.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 37,948, a net gain of 1,578, with 148 Lodges. The smallest Lodge has 18 members, the largest, 1,280.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Chas. L. Young, presents a very comprehensive report with much statistical information. He visited officially all of the 148 Lodges. Quite an undertaking when one considers the fact there are but 52 weeks in the year and many Lodges close during the summer months. He has some interesting comments on the custom of Masters of Lodges wearing a silk hat while presiding. Evidently this has been a generally accepted usage in Colorado, but Bro. Young states there is no regulation that a silk hat must be worn by the Master, although there is a regulation that the Master should be covered while presiding. The silk hat should be worn only when this officer is clothed in full evening dress, he rules, and urges that Masters wear the type of hat in keeping with their clothing. He says: "But in the great majority of our Lodges the Masters wear business suits and, although we are, more or less, accustomed to such

formal hat in the Lodge halls, yet, in the summer when the Master is so covered, while wearing a light suit, and at times, without his coat, merely puts him in a ludicrous light. I have actually seen, during the war, Masons in military uniform wearing this so-called 'top hat'. Absurdity could go no further. And when we appear in public, especially during the summer months, when overcoats are not worn, this absurdity is then brought out in the open, and the Fraternity made ridiculous in the eyes of the profane. I know one Past Master who wore such a hat when conferring a burial service, but never again. His wife informed him he looked like a cannibal king who had just eaten a white man."

Annual Grand Lodge dues were raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25 for each member under sixty years of age, and a plan for the retirement of certain full-time officers of the Grand Lodge entered upon by the appointment of a committee to investigate and report to the next annual Communication. This matter of retirement compensation has the serious thought on many Grand Jurisdictions, including our own Alberta.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that a number of appeals had been presented to them and in each case recommended the action of the Lodge be reversed and the brother in question expelled, said motion being adopted by Grand Lodge. Recognition was accorded three Grand Lodges in Brazil, The National Grand Lodge of Colombia, The Grand Lodge of Uruguay, The Grand Lodge of Finland, The Grand Orient of Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Greece.

The Grand Lodge rejected a motion that would have authorized the publication of an official Grand Lodge Bulletin.

Bro. Hubert Glover's oration, "Colorado Masonry and the Future", makes good reading. Written in a warm-hearted spirit of truth and beauty, he gives many personal experiences, warns against the encroach of Communism, lauds the action of Grand Lodge in expelling from their ranks any and all members who engage in criminal activities, and urges all to look for and eagerly embrace every opportunity to be friendly to others and to do good.

M.W. Bro. Harry L. Blaum presents his tenth report as chairman of the Committee of Correspondence under the headings "Membership", "Unnecessary Roughness", "Freemasonry Among Colored Americans", and "Morality of Freemasonry", each of which is a well-prepared lecture in itself.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. S. Stuart Krebs.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Harry W. Bundy.

—L.D.N.

CONNECTICUT

The Annual Communication of this Grand Jurisdiction was held at Hartford April 7th and 8th, 1948, being the One Hundred and Sixtieth gathering of that Grand Body. M.W. Charles J Ramage, Grand Master.

We mourn with Connecticut on its Fraternal dead, but especially in the passing of M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck, Past Grand Master and Secretary. The vacancy left by his death will be felt for many years to come, and M.W. Bro. Ramage quoted to his memory the well-known words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord".

"Sleep on, dear brother, such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain,
But shed an influence — rare — divine
On lives that here remain".

The address of M.W. Bro. Ramage bespeaks an active 14 months as the Communication is now held in April instead of February. In his "Decisions and Rulings" we feel assured he "judged with candor, admonished with firmness, and reprehended with mercy". His very numerous activities show a zeal for our Ancient and Honourable Institution and we take this opportunity of congratulating him on what we consider a very successful year in office.

The adoption of the twenty-five year button, I believe, is a step in the right direction, and I certainly agree that so very few of our membership attain such a grand old age so as to receive a 50-year jewel.

The Deputy Grand Master, Louis S. Thomas, concludes his report with these words, "May the Great Lights of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, continue to shine in our hearts and in our Lodges, now and for evermore, and may each of us so live our respective lives, in and out of our Lodge Rooms, that we shall be fitting examples of the excellent tenets of our great fraternity.

"May our light so shine before men that they may recognize our good work and glorify our Father which is in Heaven."

The Grand Secretary's report shows: 41,202 members, being a net increase of 1,471.

We are pleased to note the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Bro. M. A. Appley, was present.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Louis S. Thomas.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Earle K. Haling.

—W.E.B.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

At the Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday, the 3rd March, 1948, with R.W. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarborough, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., T.D., Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master, a very interesting report on his Mission to Jamaica was given by the President of the B.G.P.

An Especial Grand Lodge Communication was held Tuesday, the 23rd of March, 1948, at the Royal Albert Hall, when M.W. Bro. His Majesty King George VI installed as Grand Master, M.W. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G. During the investiture and installation

of the M.W. Grand Master, M.W. His Majesty King George VI addressed him as follows: "I now install you as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. May you for many years occupy that exalted position with credit to yourself and advantage to our Order."

After the proclamation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Addresses of Deputations from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Grand Lodge of Sweden were presented, followed by the address of M.W. Bro. His Majesty the King, to all of which the M.W. Grand Master replied. Space does not permit of quoting from the various addresses, but all of them are submitted for the earnest perusal and contemplation of the Brethren.

The total attendance at this meeting was 7,504.

The Board of General Purposes received several requests for a ruling on the propriety of non-Masonic guests at Masonic after-proceedings of Lodges, and at the Quarterly Communication, held on Wednesday, the 2nd of June, 1948, very emphatically ruled against the presence of non-Masonic guests at refreshments either preceding or following the Lodge meeting.

At the Quarterly Communication held on Wednesday, the 1st of December, 1948, reference was made to the illness of M.W. Bro. His Majesty the King, and a message was sent expressing the sincere prayer that T.G.A.O.T.U. would speedily restore His Majesty to complete health.

Another message was sent to Their Majesties tendering loyal congratulations on the birth of a Royal Prince to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Grand Lodge of England conveyed to the Grand Lodge of Ireland its sincere sympathy at the death of M.W. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, K.P., P.C., their late Grand Master, expressing the great loss sustained to Freemasonry.

FLORIDA - 1947

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Frank H. Brown.

G.M. elected—M.W. Bro. Frank H. Thompson.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Huff.

Lodges: 224. Membership: 35,555. Gain: 4,316.

The 118th Annual Communication was held at Jacksonville, April 15-17, 1947, the Grand Master presiding.

Eight Past Grand Masters were in attendance.

Distinguished Guests included the G.M. of Masons in Georgia, M.W. Bro. Chesley W. Monk, and W. Bro. A. L. Baker, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Ontario.

The Grand Master stressed the need for the aim he kept before him during the year, "Unity among the Brethren". "To practice the

great lessons of Masonry was always before me. I have never been concerned with the fine points of distinction as to the rights and powers of the Grand Master. In my opinion the Craft does not care about long discussions involving smart and clever reasoning. The brethren attend Masonic meetings to be uplifted; to meet their brethren and to strengthen their belief in a Supreme Being."

During the year the Grand Master considered a proposal of a group of G.I. students and faculty members of the University of Florida that a society or club of these brethren be formed. It was pointed out that they were unable to visit the local Lodge due to conflicting night classes, and that they were desirous of improving themselves in Masonry. The appointment of a Committee as advisors was approved, and the request was granted for the brethren to operate under the supervision of the local Lodge.

Three Emergent Communications were held during the year, one at Sanford for conducting funeral services and interring with Masonic Honours the remains of P.G.M. Ralph B. Chapman, one at Miami for the purpose of consecrating, dedicating and constituting a new Lodge, and one at Century for the purpose of laying the Cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple.

Net worth of the Grand Lodge now stands at \$732,000.00.

The Fraternal Review of some 70 pages is most comprehensive, interesting and informative. A comment by R.W. Bro. R. L. Martin, who prepared it, might well be quoted, "The year which has just passed into history brought with it release from restrictions which had hampered the progress of Masonry in some respects, and gave new impetus to the objective of spreading Masonic Light.

"The pattern of the thoughts and utterances of the leaders of the Craft everywhere is cut from much the same design: gratitude for the end of the war; pleasure over the privilege of meeting and laboring without restriction; fear of the result of the large influx of new membership; the immediate need for adequate education and instruction—all clothed in beautiful words, eloquent phrases and carefully considered recommendations of merit but with accomplishment slow in materializing."

GEORGIA

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia convened in its One Hundred and Sixty-first Annual Communication at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 27th, 1947, in the auditorium of the Grand Lodge Building, Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia. The meeting was opened in due and ancient form by Most Worshipful Grand Master Chesley W. Monk. After singing the Grand Lodge Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation", the Brethren pledged allegiance to the Flag of our Country and sang one verse of "America".

The Speaker of the occasion was Wor. Bro. Edgar D. Kenyon who gave a masterful address on the subject, "The Individual versus Organizations", parts of which I beg leave to quote: "We live in a day of over-organization. Political, social, commercial and even

fraternal organizations—good though they are—have gone too far in destroying in the individual that fine spirit of initiative and independence that made our country what it is today. By our Government and otherwise we have been so pampered and pleased, so coddled and coo'd, that now great wealth and great organizations have largely overshadowed the importance and the power of individual man. Centuries ago a great philosopher said: "Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey where wealth accumulates and men decay." And I'm afraid we now find ourselves in that exact situation. Our wealth has accumulated and our men have decayed. When our American forefathers, pushing their way westward from the eastern shoreline, gradually conquered the vast wilderness that we now call the United States, they carried an axe in one hand and a gun in the other. They worked. They fought. They did not ask for Government aid. They would have scorned the very idea of unemployment compensation or so-called social security. They produced their own security. They built homes, schools, churches, and established here the foundation of our civilization—a civilization born of pioneer days and pioneer ways, and productive of the finest characters the world has ever known—our forefathers and mothers. That, my friends, is the example of American citizenship that we so much need in this critical hour. That is the pattern of personal conduct and achievement that we present for each individual Mason today in going back home and meeting his responsibility to his community, to his state and nation, and above all to his own conscience."

Out of the night that covers me
 Black as the pit from pole to pole,
 I thank whatever gods may be,
 For my unconquerable soul.
 It matters not how strait the gate,
 How charged with punishment the scroll;
 I am the master of my fate,
 I am the captain of my soul.

In his address, the Grand Master disclosed a very busy and eventful year of activity. In addition to the many and varied duties attached to his office, he found time to make one hundred and twenty visitations within the State and several more at points outside; he was also present at all the District Conventions—twelve in number. He personally presented a Charter to each of four new Lodges and also issued and presented dispensations for the formation of nine new Lodges.

The report of the Grand Secretary reveals that about sixty-five hundred candidates have been raised during the year and this continued growth reflects decided activity and real interest in Masonry throughout the State.

Foreign Correspondent Bro. Dewey H. Wollstein in his Foreword says:—

"The word 'universality' becomes something real and meaningful when we attempt to review the work and activities of other Grand Jurisdictions. From the printed word we find that Masons throughout the world are working, striving, hoping and praying as though all

were part of a mighty chorus. We may not find statistics interesting, and names unknown to us may not strike a receptive response, yet we cannot fail to catch anew the inspiration that comes from the knowledge and assurance that men of kindred minds and hearts are moving, slowly but surely, towards the goal of Universal Brotherhood.

The place that Masonry has in our after-war world should be not only a matter of pride of every Mason, but a challenge as well. The improving and ennobling of self will guarantee Masonry's place in the consideration of all world-wide matters of humanity's concern. With it all let us remember that the unit of the universality of Masonry is the individual. Let us appreciate our responsibilities to the degree that we value our privileges."

It is pleasing to note the fine progress made in connection with the Masonic Home for Children under the able supervision of Bro. H. Grady Hamrick. At the present time there are fifty-two children in the elementary schools, nine in Junior High and six in Senior High.

Grand Master—J. Clayton Perry, Woodbine.

Grand Secretary—Daniel W. Locklin, Macon.

Lodges: 457. Membership: 67,691. Gain: 6,528.

—J.A.M.

IDAHO

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho convened in the Masonic Temple at Boise on September 21st, 1948. The meeting was opened on the Third Degree of Freemasonry, in ample form, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Howard I. Monks.

After the opening prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother James R. Bullock, the flag of the United States was presented at the Altar and all present joined with the Grand Master in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The Honorable and Brother Potter P. Howard, Mayor of Boise, in a short but sincere address of welcome, said:

"One of the things I would like to mention this morning is that we notice on every hand the attitude or tendency on the part of many of our governmental officials of not putting up a solid front with regard to our foreign policy. I think we probably are in as great a danger as this country has ever experienced of losing our form of democracy that has stood up so well for so many years. You men have one of the greatest opportunities ever afforded anybody to perform a real civic service in assisting toward uniting all citizens into one common, solid front on our country's policy relative to foreign affairs. Such union will give strength to its purpose for the establishment of world peace."

In his reply on behalf of the Grand Representatives, Brother Angus Y. Bethune of the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas (Mexico) said:

"As Masonic Representatives we deplore the fact that there are countries in the world today where the great Light is almost obscured,

where the Word of God is mocked, and where the human soul and individual rights are counted as naught; where the erroneous concept of an all-powerful political state which can do no wrong is being substituted for the great truth of the Fatherhood of God; where suspicion and hate are being fostered; where religion is being frowned upon and all acts of kindness and charitableness are considered a sign of weakness.

With such tragic conditions prevailing in certain countries it is gratifying to note that in the 42 Grand Jurisdictions represented here today, the principal tenets of Freemasonry, as well as the cardinal virtues, are being taught, learned and practised; that in these jurisdictions the hope of mankind is being kept alive."

In opening his address, the Grand Master referred the year 1948 as one of particular significance to Masons in the Pacific Northwest, for just 100 years ago, or in 1848, the first Lodge of the Rocky Mountains, Multnomah Lodge No. 1, was constituted at Oregon City. From that small beginning grew the Grand Jurisdictions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, with membership today numbering many thousands.

The Grand Master did not make a long speech but contented himself with giving a detailed account of his many activities during the year. He said that at the beginning of the Masonic Year three major objectives were chosen for our Lodges to emphasize as part of their Masonic Programme, viz.:—Masonic Education, Uniformity in the Work and Americanism. With regard to the first, may I quote from the report of the Committee on Masonic Education, read by the Chairman, Brother Clyde I. Rush: "Turning to the newly-made Brethren, if a man is good enough to be made a Mason, then certainly he should be made a 'good Mason'. The making of a good Mason does not stop with the conferring of the Master's degree. It is only the beginning of a good Mason, and to these newly-made Brethren we owe the responsibility of properly instructing them as to the designs that are and have been drawn on the trestleboard. He should be and it is our responsibility and duty to see that he is truly and correctly informed as to the proper use of the Square, the Compass, the Level, the Plumb Line and the Trowel. If we fail in this respect, we not only do an injury to the newly-made Brother, but we are injuring ourselves. We, my Brethren, received, and the generations before us received, this work from mouth to ear, and it was delivered to us with positive instructions to see that the Ancient Landmarks, usages and customs were not changed or altered, and that no innovation would or should be tolerated. In the same way, through the same method and by the use of the same words it should and must continue to be communicated to those who now seek and have sought admission into our midst. If you violate these principles, then you will destroy what you and I believe in, admire and respect. Too much emphasis cannot be given to this, nor can it be too closely guarded and too zealously observed."

The Grand Orator, Worshipful Brother and Bishop Frank A. Rhea, delivered a very interesting address on "Mason's Opportunities."

Bro. Rhea had been in England during the summer as a delegate to the Lambeth Conference in London. He brought greetings from the

various Masonic Bodies, and mentioned that in London alone there are 17 Masonic Temples. In his travels in England and Scotland he made special note of the wonderful Cathedrals built by Operative Masons before the days of Speculative Masonry, and his address had been inspired by those old Masterpieces of our operative art.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta appreciates very much the generous Reviews given by your Foreign Correspondent, M.W. Bro. Eldridge. I note his reference to Bro. Ireland as having the skillful assistance of 13 good Brethren, and although I have been a Mason for 76 years (B. 1873) I feel that my humble contributions are anything but "skillful". On the contrary, I would class myself (as Bro. Karsner puts it), jaded and written-out.

Since my last Review I regret to report that Alberta's Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Idaho, R.W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote, has passed to the Grand Lodge above. "Bill" was known throughout the Jurisdiction as a fine citizen and a true Mason in the real sense of the word. He will be sadly missed by a host of friends.

Grand Master—A. Edward Prince, Boise, Idaho.

Grand Secretary—Clyde I. Rush, Boise, Idaho.

Lodges: 79. Members: 12,117. Gain: 487.

—J.A.M.

ILLINOIS

At the beginning of this review I would first join with the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in expressing the sympathy of this Grand Jurisdiction toward M.W. Bro. Mills and Mrs. Mills in the loss of their daughter. There are none who know why these things have to be, but we do know that "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform", and we must bow our heads in humble obedience to His Divine Will.

Most Worshipful Bro. Mills, Grand Master of Masons in Illinois, called the Brethren assembled to order on Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1948, for the one hundred and ninth communication.

The high estimation with which this Grand Jurisdiction is held is evidenced by the fact that there was a representative or more from twenty-four other Grand bodies.

M.W. Bro. Mills: "Time marches on; how swiftly the sands run; three score years and ten are but as a flash in the night; almost 2000 years ago a lad of twelve said, 'I must be about my Father's business'." M.W. Bro. Mills, we agree with you; so much to do and so little time to do it.

Anyone reading the account of such stewardship as is evident from this report must be very forcibly struck with the conviction that the whole year was a gift to Freemasonry. In our humble opinion you accepted the job, realized your responsibility to 230,000 Masons of Illinois, and then put your whole soul into doing the work, and we thoroughly agree with you that "The condition of Freemasonry will not have reached its crest until Lodges generally embark on a program in addition to that of conferring degrees."

Time marches on; but the scene changes but little. M.W. Bro Mills quotes from the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1932 and I requote: "The need of Masonic education is becoming greater and more insistent every day, especially in these times when everything seems to be in confusion. The individual Mason owes it to the fraternity, and I believe that the Grand Lodge of Illinois owes it to every individual member to aid him in every way in his desire to acquire light and seek a better understanding of the truths and principles which are hidden away in our Ritual."

We are very pleased to note that the report of the Committee on Masonic Education was approved.

From the numerous references to the Great Light of Freemasonry it is very evident that the book of constitutions is not the only book with which our Most Worshipful Brother was familiar, and we ask permission to congratulate him on a very full and excellent report.

The Reports of the Orphans' Home, the Masonic Home with its Ward Museum, the George Washington Memorial Fund, the foundation fund for Vocational Education, etc., point out a few of the many activities of this great Jurisdiction.

The Grand Orator, M.W. Bro. Karl J. Moir, delivered the Oration, which was evidently well received:

"Like the entered apprentice, we kneel before the Great Altar: like him, we hold in our hands with reverent caress, the Great Book of God; the Grand Master of the Universe has conferred upon us an obligation to which we have sworn allegiance; He looks upon us, blindfolded by ignorance, hate, prejudice, greed, and intolerance, knowing our eyes must see that humanity may live. He pronounces Freemasonry's most solemn injunction to a world eagerly waiting—'Let there be Light'."

The annual dues of Lodges were increased from \$1.25 per member to \$1.60, to be divided between the General Fund and the Charity Fund. In addition to this, \$10.00 to be collected from each applicant for Masonry over and above the regular fee, this sum to be placed in the Charity Fund.

We note that our Alberta Representative to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, George P. Ellis, is a member of the Committee on Legislation, and that he answered the roll call as our representative.

There are 218 Chartered Lodges in Chicago alone, and the whole Jurisdiction is divided into 100 Districts. We would be remiss if we did not thank Bro. Elmer E. Beach for his review of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of Alberta for 1947.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois is composed of 974 Lodges, 231,400 Members, showing a net gain of 7,184 Members.

Fred I. Mills—M.W. Grand Master.

Richard C. Davenport, P.G.M.—Grand Secretary.

—W.E.B.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND

At a meeting of Grand Lodge held on the 2nd of December, 1948, R.W. Bro. Raymond T. Brooke, who has acted as Deputy Grand Master for the last eighteen years, was unanimously elected as Grand Master, and on Wednesday, the 15th day of December, 1948, at an Especial Meeting, he was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master in succession to the late Right Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.

Congratulations were received from the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland and from numerous Provincial Grand Lodges overseas. The writer had the privilege and pleasure of meeting the New Grand Master when, as Deputy Grand Master, he represented his Grand Lodge at the Bi-centenary Celebration of Freemasonry in Canada, 1938, and would, therefore, like to offer his congratulations.

At his installation the Grand Master, in feeling terms, thanked the Brethren for the tremendous honour he had received, namely, the highest honour that is in the power of the Brethren to bestow; he realized his great responsibility as the holder of one of the greatest positions in the Masonic world.

The reports of the various Provincial Grand Masters are full of interest and well worth perusing. Space does not permit to quote from them.

Many references were made of the sad news of the sudden and lamented death of M.W. Bro. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P. He had ruled as Grand Master for 36 years and had guarded the destinies of Grand Lodge with great skill through the anxieties of two world wars and the Civil war at home, despite the violent attacks all over the country.

R.W. Bro. Frank A. Lowe is the new Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. Maj.-Gen. Sir Geo. McK. Franks, K.C.B., Senior Grand Warden; and R.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. Rt. Hon. Lord Farnham, D.S.O., Junior Grand Warden.

GRAND LODGE OF KANSAS

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. James H. Stewart, Jr.

Grand Master (elected)—M.W. Bro. E. Glenn Robison.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Elmer F. Strain, P.G.M., Topeka.

Lodges: 439. Members: 83,247. Gain: 3,987.

Grand Representative for Alberta—R.W. Bro. Leo N. Gish. Absent.

Grand Representative for Kansas in Alberta—

V.W. Bro. Fred J. Kavanagh.

The Ninety-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in the City of Topeka on February 11th, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. James H. Stewart, Jr., presiding.

Several distinguished visitors were present and officially received. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, also a large number of Grand Representatives; unfortunately, Alberta's representative was not among them.

Six Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held, two for the purpose of laying Cornerstones and four for the purpose of Consecrating Lodges. The address of the Grand Master is full and complete with the affairs of his Grand Jurisdiction; his visits both in his own Grand Jurisdiction and Sister Grand Jurisdictions were numerous. Two new Lodges were duly Constituted and Consecrated. The Grand Master granted one Dispensation for a new Lodge and Grand Lodge duly granted a charter to this Lodge. No less than 98 Special Dispensations were issued for various reasons. From a total of 439 Lodges only 221 were represented at Grand Lodge. The total number of representatives at Grand Lodge being 623, including Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters. Certificates of proficiency are issued by this Grand Lodge.

The Orator, Bro. H. Otis Garth, who was made a member of the Craft as recently as 1945, delivered a splendid address, concluding the same as follows: "Let us joyfully travel the Masonic pathway that leads us ever onward and upward toward the Light of complete understanding; recognizing apparent obstacles only as stepping stones on the road to a glorious destiny."

Kansas prints an excellent Correspondence Review, but once more, Alberta is not reviewed. How about it, M.W. Bro. Otto R. Souders? Alberta is a good Province and has a grand Grand Lodge.

—S.H.

KENTUCKY

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, founded October 16th, 1800.

Most Worshipful Rube McKnight—Grand Master.

Right Worshipful A. E. Orton—Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge Communication of 1947 was held at Louisville October 21st, 22nd and 23rd, with the Grand Master, Albert C. Haison, presiding.

In his address he spoke very strongly against all subversive activity and stated that at every opportunity he had condemned, exposed, and confounded every subversive activity to those whose philosophies of government are calculated to disrupt our American way of life.

During his year of office he proclaimed as "National Bible Week" October 13th to 20th, when each Lodge was to set aside part of the stated meeting for the purpose of reading aloud in open Lodge a portion of God's Law from that Book of Books, our Great Light, "The Holy Bible".

In his charge to incoming Masters, M.W. Bro. Hanson states that in his opinion the entire success of any Master is dependent upon the number of Craftsmen he has employed during his year.

We are pleased to note that M.W. Bro. Hanson mentions the G.M. of Alberta, Canada, and quotes from his remarks at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D.C., and it is with some satisfaction that we note that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has sufficient faith in this country of ours to invest a considerable portion of its

funds in the Canadian National Railway, but we hope that the interest of our brethren from the south does not begin and end in monetary values.

This reviewer, although impressed by the amount of statistical data, regrets to note that many addresses by prominent brethren have been omitted from this 676-page book.

The report on the Universality of Freemasonry by John H. Cowles, P.G.M., is a 34-page fund of information on the Craft throughout the world. It is the most informative report imaginable, and contains reviews of Freemasonry in almost every country in the world, except those where the English language is in general use.

Brother A. Gordon Sulser, reporting for the Committee on Necrology, quotes from John Henry Jowett, an English writer of bygone days:

"Death is not the end, it is only a new beginning. Death is not the Master of the house; he is only the porter of the King's Lodge, appointed to open the gate and let the King's guests into the realm of eternal day. And so shall we be ever with the Lord, and so the range of three score years and ten is not the limit of our life. Our life is not a landlocked lake within the shore lines of seventy years. It is an arm of the sea, and where the shore lines seem to meet in old age, they open out into the infinite. And so we must build for those larger waters. We must lay our life plans on the scale of the Infinite, not as tho' we were only pilgrims of time, but as children of Eternity! We are Immortal!"

A committee has been formed for the purpose of making plans to celebrate in a fitting manner the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1950. There are 478 Lodges with an average membership of 146. Total membership, 69,528, which showed a gain of 5,720 over 1946.

Throughout his address to the brethren assembled, Most Worshipful Brother McKnight stressed "Brotherhood", and to my mind it is a very readable address, and very much to the point. His address very forcibly points out our duties to God, our neighbor, and ourselves, and in trying to find the answer to the world brotherhood we are told to look in the right place—the Bible.

We sympathize with the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the loss of M.W. Bro. Henry P. Barrett, Past Grand Master, who died July 9th, 1947; also in the loss of 961 brethren who also passed to the Grand Lodge above during the year.

"Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee."

—W.E.B.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in New Orleans from the 16th to the 18th of February, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Q. T. Hardtner, presiding.

The Grand Master opened his address with a lengthy dissertation on the democratic forms of government, their advantages, and how much Freemasonry had contributed towards the dissemination of these ideals. Among the rulings asked for was one, "if it were legal to have two or more ballot boxes to be held at the same time on number of candidates provided each ballot box has name of candidate being balloted on plainly labelled on the ballot box." The Grand Master ruled, "it was legal and that my interpretation of the collective balloting mentioned as one of the edicts of the Grand Lodge of the State would be balloting on two or more candidates for the Entered Apprentice Degree, using the same box". This ruling was sustained by a majority of three to two of the Committee on Masonic Laws and Jurisprudence and adopted.

The Report of the Grand Secretary shows a healthy growth of membership, with a net gain of 2,744.

The Report of the President of Masonic Educational Foundation, M.W. Bro. E. F. Gayle, P.G.M., is most interesting and shows the good work being undertaken for completing the education of orphan children and for training them in some trade or profession. The loans made to students are repayable in five years from date of loan and no interest is charged until after maturity, when 5% interest is added to the unpaid portion. The President states few if any of these loans are delinquent, and over a period of twelve years since revenues have become available thirty-three students have received aid from the fund. The capital required to set up this Foundation has been given or bequeathed by generous donors and at present stands at over \$100,000.

The principal address of the Communication was given by M.W. Bro. D. A. Strickland, P.G.M., Grand Orator, who took for his subject, "Exemplify the Teachings of Freemasonry in Your Everyday Life." Two paragraphs of this inspiring address are well worth copying. "Freemasonry has been more highly favoured than any other institution that has ever existed upon the face of this earth. It has witnessed the rise and downfall of governments innumerable. It has seen powers and dominions rise and pass away, leaving scarcely a trace behind. The children of Israel, the chosen people of God, have passed off as the dew of morning. The Medes and the Persians, with the immutable laws and conquering armies, have submitted to the dissolving hand of time. The glory of Greece, with all of her learning and wisdom, is told only in history. The power of Egypt, with all of her riches and greatness, is preserved in song only. Imperial Rome, before whom kings trembled, in whose presence thrones tumbled to pieces, and in whose path empires were trodden into impalpable dust, has herself ceased to be. The records of arts and sciences have perished; languages have been lost; tongues confounded; religions overturned. Yet Freemasonry, pure and unadulterated, has survived all of this ruin. If she had none other than human support would she not have submitted to the same fate of all other things that are mortal?"

"Why has Freemasonry alone survived? Is it because she emanated from the great womb of eternity, simultaneously with order, virtue and religion. Is it because her building, 'rock ribbed and

mighty', is based upon the foundation of eternal truth, firm as a rock, which, though far from shore, lifts its majestic top above the waves, and remains unshaken by the storm which agitates the ocean; they may rise, rage and dash against its base, but they are destined to break harmoniously, forever at its feet. Its top reaches the Heavens, and there it will remain until the last sound of the gavel is heard on earth, and time itself sinks into the ocean of eternity." He then goes on to show how the ennobling influence of Masonic teaching should so irradiate from a brother to those among whom he lives and works in everyday life that his life shall "benefit the world, when neither praise nor glory will reach us when we sleep soundly in the grave".

The Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence devotes considerable space to the question of Prince Hall or Negro Freemasonry, which was prompted by the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in appearing to recognize the legitimacy of Negro Freemasonry in that State, but "organically separate and without mutually embarrassing demands of commitments". Your reviewer is in accord with the opinions expressed by M.W. Bro. Gayle, P.G.M., the Chairman of the Committee.

The Alberta representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana is R.W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Innisfail.

Number of Lodges: 248. Membership: 35,310. Net gain: 2,744.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. D. Louie Butler.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. D. Peter Laguens, Jr.

—M.J.B.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Portland, May 4th, 5th and 6th, 1948, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Carroll W. Keene, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his address, mentioned the Grand Lodge Charity Fund had received by bequest the sum of over \$24,000. This bequest had been left by the widow of Past Grand Master Thomas H. Bodge. Among the decisions given was one asking, "Should a Lodge contribute towards a fund to enlarge or furnish a room for a local hospital which is incorporated as non-profit?" The answer was "No. It is contrary for any Lodge to use any of their Lodge funds for any purpose other than Masonic relief."

The Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Convers E. Leach, P.J.G.W., shows that ninety-one Veterans' Medals had been presented to brethren who had been in good standing for fifty years.

The Committee on History of Masonry in Maine reported three Lodges had prepared histories and placed copies in the Grand Lodge Library and urged those Lodges which had not prepared their histories to make arrangements to have them written. Your reviewer wonders if the Older Lodges in Alberta have taken the necessary steps to do likewise.

In his Report of the Thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, held in the Auditorium of the Memorial Building at Alexandria, Virginia, the Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. H. Norton Maxfield, made mention of the donation to the Memorial by Brother Sarkis H. Nahigian of Chicago of the largest Persian Royal Meshed carpet he had ever known. "It is a beautiful rug about fifty feet long and thirty feet wide and containing over fifty-four million hand-tied knots. It is one of the largest hand-made oriental rugs ever shipped out of the Persian Empire and is the work of a dozen artisans working side by side tying perfect knots for years."

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R.W. Bro. Ralph J. Pollard, P.D.G.M., again has a very thoughtful Foreword dealing with Freemasonry and Masonic conditions in other countries outside the British Empire and the United States.

Referring to the Inter-American Masonic Conference held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1947, he deplored the lack of any definite religious conviction required of a candidate for its Mysteries and rightly disapproves the loose expression of Masonic belief as pronounced by the Conference.

As he says, "Masonry does far more than admit the mere possibility that an abstract creative principle may, perchance, exist! Triumphant and unequivocally it proclaims the Only Living and True God as the Author, Creator, and Ruler of the Universe, and as the Heavenly Father whose fatherhood alone makes possible the brotherhood of man. In Him alone does the Mason put his trust; His blessing is invoked before entering upon any great and important undertaking; and in His Almighty Presence our solemn Masonic obligations are assumed. As Masons, we regard Him with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his creator; we implore His aid in all our laudable undertakings; and we esteem Him as the chief good. We do not speculate as to His nature, but learn that nature from His Own Holy Word, that Great Light in Masonry which lies open upon all our Altars, and which we accept unquestioningly as the rule and guide of our Masonic Faith."

"Masonry is truly non-sectarian, but it is not irreligious! The Masonic Altar is a common place of worship for all servants of the Most High God; but the doors of Masonry are not open either to atheists or to irreligious libertines. Masonry most certainly does prescribe a religious conviction for its members, and it most certainly does require a positive and definite affirmation of that belief. The Landmark enjoying belief in God has subsisted from time immemorial, and cannot be explained away by any formula of empty words." Our readers will agree with every word written by R.W. Bro. Pollard on this subject.

There is a good review of the Alberta Annual Communication held in 1947, with the late M.W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, Grand Master, presiding.

The Alberta representative of this Grand Lodge is R.W. Bro. C. G. Flavin, Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton.

Number of Lodges: 207. Membership: 42,082. Net gain: 1,491. Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Granville C. Gray.

Grand Secretary: R.W. Bro. Convers E. Leach, P.J.G.W.

—M.J.B.

MANITOBA

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly.

Grand Master (elected)—M.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, P.G.M.,
Winnipeg.

Lodges: 116. Members: 12,525. Gain: 727.

Grand Representative for Alberta—R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr.

Present.

Grand Representative for Manitoba in Alberta—

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on June 2nd, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, presiding.

Three Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year for the purpose of instituting Lodges—Rice Lake, Fenwick and Newdale. Charters were granted these Lodges at this Annual Communication.

A large number of distinguished visitors were presented and received, among them being our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming.

The address of the Grand Master revealed he had devoted a large amount of his time to Masonry, both in his own Grand Jurisdiction and in Sister Grand Jurisdictions. He reports the District Meetings showed careful planning and were beneficial to the members. Grand Lodge, at his suggestion, forwarded food parcels to members of the Craft in Great Britain. He drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that several Lodges committed breaches of the Constitution and established usages and warned that more careful attention should be given to these matters.

Fifty-year Jewels were presented during the year to twelve of Masonry's stalwarts, and four others are entitled to receive them.

Manitoba mourns the loss of three of its valued Past Grand Masters: M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller and M.W. Bro. James Scroggie, also their Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess, all of whom were well known to the Craft in many Grand Jurisdictions. We mourn with our brethren in Manitoba in the great loss they have sustained; we also wish their Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, P.G.M., a speedy recovery to good health.

No rulings appear to have been necessary, truly a healthy sign. The Committee on Credentials reported that 87 Lodges were represented with a total vote of 602, there also being present 72 Master Masons and 21 visitors.

The Proceedings contain a splendid review of the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, but Alberta does not appear among them although the Reviewer is Alberta's Grand Representative. How about it, Hugh?

The M.W. Grand Master closes his splendid address as follows: "Let us look out beyond the confines of this Grand Jurisdiction, and see bewildered humanity, groping for the truth, understanding and brotherhood that only can bring real peace. Let us realize the need for men of integrity, men with ideals and noble purpose, men inspired by the principles upon which our Order rests. Then let us give ourselves to the task we assumed when first we took our solemn obligations, and dream and work for a world that will truly be the Temple of God."

—S.H.

MARYLAND

Lodges: 121. Members: 38,495. Net Gain: 652.

Grand Master—Harry O. Schroeder.

Grand Secretary—C. Schaffer.

Alberta's Representative—Martin H. Kinsinger. Present.

The One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. was held November 16th and 17th, 1948, at Baltimore, Md.

I note that for the last five years they have been holding a summer school of instruction for officers under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, in the Masonic Temple of Sharon Lodge, No. 182. It has grown until it has got beyond the facilities of this Lodge, and the Grand Master suggested that it be held in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, which speaks well for the interest taken in this work.

M.W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, chairman of the committee that had been appointed to study Communism from a Masonic standpoint, brought in a very extensive report, showing just where things are headed if the rest of the world doesn't wake up. It is finished off with a declaration of principles, which is too long to quote here, and a Masonic Creed, which I give, as I consider that every Grand Lodge would do well to copy:

"I, as a Master Mason, believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I pledge my loyalty to the Government of the United States of America, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others. Freemasonry is founded upon these principles and I will use my utmost effort to preserve them for posterity."

This creed is to be recited by Lodges in their opening ceremonies, with the substitution of the name of the country to which the Lodges belong.

M.W. Bro. James F. Fisher, Grand Master of South Carolina, in his address, commenting on world conditions and the power that lies in the great body of Masons, has this to say in closing: "I tell you gentlemen, that as Masons we do not represent any one religion. We are not a religion but we are one of religion's chief handmaidens, in that we have in our hands that philosophy that can guide men's

thinking and men's actions with the mighty power that is in our hands and the truths that are ours. We Masons of America face the world with a responsibility that Masons in no other country or no other age of the world's history have ever faced. May God in His infinite wisdom give us the grace and power, not to profess with our lips alone but with every action of our lives, our immutable faith and confidence in the wisdom and goodness of an all-wise Creator, and may the breath of the Divine touch the Acolian harps of our lives that they may send forth through this night of darkness and doubt, which seems ready to envelope the world, the ringing notes of eternal love and brotherhood of man."

I would like to quote from an address by M.W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, P.G.M., and Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. Even I may be getting this too long. He said that he was not going to tell them a funny story, even if he had listened to some very good ones. He said that he was greatly touched by the beautiful memorial and dedication service which had just been completed to the service men that had paid the supreme sacrifice. But, my brethren, what of the living dead? The men who still walk the floors of hospitals, and can never get out? I want to tell you one story of what your money has assisted in doing. We have just come from a most delightful meal. The great joy of that dinner was not only the good food, but was it not the fellowship, the breaking of bread with a friend? The making of new friends. He quotes from the Last Supper: "This do in memory of Me." In a hospital in Iowa was a boy who had been wounded by a piece of exploding shell. From the wound had developed a cancer, on which they couldn't operate. He knew that he was dying; his wife knew it; but his four little children, three, five, seven and nine years old (the symbolic steps by which we climb the Masonic structure), did not know that Daddy was never coming out of the hospital. One of your good hospital agents asked him a few days before he died, "Is there anything that you want that can be done by love or money?" The boy thought for a moment and then said, "Yes, there is one thing, if it can be managed. I want to eat one more meal with my wife and children."

Brethren, hospitals are not equipped as hotels. To provide a room, a table and persuade the cook to serve a meal for a family of six seemed difficult. But our agent went to the manager of the hospital and told the story. The manager said, "You subsidize the cook. I will attend to the room." So he subsidized the cook, a room was obtained. He went to the nearest large town, told the boy's favorite entertainer and he came to the dinner to be the means of giving a little joy. Our agent drove one hundred and fifty miles to get the mother, the four little children and the boy's brother, and took them to the hospital. It was a terrible painful dinner for the wife and for the lad himself. Wife, brother, four little children—the last supper with Daddy. The wife kept her smile for the children's sake; the boy smiled for the wife's sake. The next morning our Field Agent looked in to see how Frank was doing. Frank was dead. But he died with a smile on his face. What do you think it must have meant to Frank to have his last supper—and he knew it was the last—with the wife and children that he loved? Your money helped in doing this. That is Masonry in action.

Closing with the words of the Grand Master in his address: "May the words and sentiments of the Masonic Creed influence all our Fraternal relationships.

—T.A.M.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO
(1947-1948)

At December 31st, 1947, there were 10 Lodges in this Jurisdiction, having a membership of 528, a decrease of two from the previous year.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Alton J. Blank.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. C. E. DeVries.

The 88th Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, City of Puebla, Pue., March 25th, 1948.

This Grand Lodge which was, prior to 1911, styled as the Grand Lodge Valle De Mexico, does not claim jurisdiction over all of the Republic of Mexico, nor over all English-speaking Lodges in the Republic. It should be noted that in Mexico there is a Federal District and 28 States analogous to the 10 Provinces of Canada. Exhaustive reports on Mexican Freemasonry were presented to the respective Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Missouri in 1944, and from these it appears that there are now 19 Grand Lodges in Mexico, many of them using the Spanish language. A few of the Grand Lodges of the United States recognize most, if not all, of the Mexican Grand Lodges, and other States recognize some of them. The York Grand Lodge claims recognition by all 49 Jurisdictions in the United States. The only Mexican Grand Lodge that appears to have been accepted by the Grand Lodges of Canada is the one subject of this review, and at the time of closing the 1948 Proceedings had been recognized by all except British Columbia. The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations of Michigan, printed in their 1948 Proceedings, recommends that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Orient of Campeche and the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas. Formerly Michigan was in fraternal relations with the York Grand Lodge only.

There is a certain amount of inter-visitation between constituent Lodges of York Grand Lodge and certain other Mexican Jurisdictions, but under what arrangements and to what extent is not apparent. The state of the Craft is reported as quite active in a few of the Lodges. Unfortunately there are two inactive Lodges with whom the prospects of revival are remote. The Grand Master in his report to Grand Lodge did not, however, recommend that Charters be lifted as yet, as it would reflect a hardship on those brethren who for various reasons, among them infirmities and old age, cannot hope to demit and join another Lodge in their locality. Some of the difficulties of our brethren in that country may be pictured from the following, included in the Grand Master's report on official visits:

"On August 30th, 1947.—I arrived in Chihuahau with the intention of paying my official visit to Washington-Hidalgo Lodge No. 2, but upon being met at the airport by that grand old man of Masonry, Brother Philip Baber, and

Brother Buettner, I was advised that they composed the only two resident members of their Lodge, having a total of 14, and because of having lost all their Lodge equipment through theft some years ago and not now having a Lodge Hall, it would be impossible to hold a meeting."

The report of the Grand Master indicates an active year in visitations and other executive duties of office, and throughout there is a note of optimism for the future.

Our congratulations are extended to M.W. Bro. H. M. Campbell, who is Alberta's representative, on his election to the office of Grand Master for the year 1948-9.

In the 1947 Proceedings is an account of a generous and gracious testimonial to an old and faithful Mason in the person of R.W. Bro. Fred T. Berger, who held the office of Grand Secretary from 1936 until retirement April 3rd, 1947, at the age of 75. In spite of his age and serious illness, he had carried on without any assistance whatever during his last year of office until a successor could be arranged. In recognition of his loyalty and his services he was given the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus, and by unanimous standing vote was given the rank of M.W. Honorary Past Grand Master and presented with a P.G.M. Jewel.

—F.J.K.

MASSACHUSETTS - 1947

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge contains not only the minutes of the quarterly Communications but also a complete record of the several Communications called for the celebration of One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of several of their Lodges, which includes a fairly complete history of the Lodge. These histories form interesting reading and disclose the difficulties and struggles conquered. Many of the Lodges started out as daylight Lodges because circumstances demanded meeting in the afternoon so that the brethren could return to their homes by sunlight.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Wragg, urges the degree teams to be more careful and to use caution in handling candidates and draws attention to the case of a candidate who received a shoulder injury which would require two and a half months' hospitalization and surgical attention.

Attendance is another subject of the Grand Master's address, and while he realizes that many Lodges have developed into degree mills, yet he feels that the brethren should not confine their attendance to the so-called higher degree communications but rather they should make every effort to attend their Blue Lodge as frequently as possible.

Recognition was extended to the Gran Logia Occidental De Columbia.

The report of the Committee on Negro Freemasonry was submitted and on motion was accepted, approved and recorded.

This report on Negro Freemasonry was prepared by a committee of Past Grand Masters, who went very thoroughly into the history of "Prince Hall Freemasonry", as is shown by the Proceedings, and have come to the conclusion that:

"Freemasonry seeks to build character and promote brotherhood among all men. These objectives have nothing to do with race or color or social or economic status. In this country, the welfare and the future of the white and colored people are inter-dependent and largely identical. Each has its own schools and colleges and churches and societies, but both have the same ultimate hopes and aspirations; both make common sacrifices in defense of their single country; both read the same periodicals, hear the same radio programmes, and enjoy or suffer together the triumphs or failures of our national well-being; and each is affected by the material and spiritual welfare of the other.

"In conclusion, your Committee believes that in view of the existing social conditions in our country, it is advisable for the official and organized activities of white and colored Freemasons to proceed in parallel lines, but organically separate and without mutually embarrassing demands or commitments.

"However, your Committee believes that, within these limitations, informal co-operation and mutual helpfulness between the two groups upon appropriate occasions are desirable."

In the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations at the June quarterly communication a complete report is presented on the organizations in Italy claiming to be legitimate Grand Lodges and after a thorough investigation, Massachusetts decided to recognize The Grand Orient of Italy.

At the quarterly Communication held in September the Grand Master reported on his visits to the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Ontario.

A resolution of sympathy was extended to the United Grand Lodge of England on the death of the Earl of Harewood, their Grand Master.

A very interesting and instructive report on "Service Department" is contained in the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December. This committee, in conjunction with the Masonic Service Bureau, maintains contact with the Veterans' Hospitals and are thus enabled to look after their own members and their families. By the use of films obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau the committee is enabled to bring home to the Lodges the necessity of the work and their responsibility thereto.

The Stated Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held on December 29th, 1947, with M.W. Bro. Wragg, Grand Master, presiding. This Communication is the highlight of the year and is for the purpose of installing the Grand Lodge Officers and the celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

There were a large number of distinguished visitors at this Com-

munication, including Grand Masters and their Grand Secretaries from some of the Grand Lodges in Canada.

The Grand Master of the State of New York was the principal speaker at the banquet. His address was not only entertaining but of a very high order and must certainly have impressed his hearers.

Massachusetts does not publish a review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges.

—W.I.

NEW YORK - 1948

The One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was held in the Masonic Hall, New York City, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1948, with M.W. Bro. Gay H. Brown, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master is a concise statement, confining his remarks to the salient points he wished to emphasize, and I must agree he made a masterly job of it. He mentions a Communion Consecration Breakfast held in New York at which over three thousand attended and which was addressed by Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, a Jew; James M. Farley, a catholic, and United States Attorney General Tom Clark, a protestant. Rather a unique gathering.

In speaking of tomorrow he finds Masonry is on the march in those countries where democracy exists. But, on the other hand, where totalitarianism has won the day, Masonry has been or is being utterly destroyed. He states that Masonry is convinced that the mere denunciation of Communism will bring no beneficial results, for Masonry believes that the most effective way of establishing Liberty and Democracy is to do its utmost to bring about the establishment of real brotherhood and thus furnish a soil in which Communism will not thrive. He pleads for a closer co-operation between the Grand Lodges of the United States and its three million Masons to retain and maintain the liberty, civil, religious and intellectual rights for which their forefathers fought and won.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase of 10,705 over the previous year.

As might be expected a large number of visitors were received at this Communication, representing other Grand Lodges, including the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and his Grand Secretary. One of the most interesting addresses from the visitors was that of M.W. Bro. Roger Keith, Grand Master of the State of Massachusetts, who was privileged to attend the installation of the Duke of Devonshire as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England by H.M. King George, and speaks in glowing terms of the wonderful spirit that exists among the Craft in England.

One of the features in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge is the report of the Judge Advocate, usually a brother of some distinction in the law. The decisions deal with many aspects of the law of Freemasonry, too numerous to mention; but the detail and meticulous

manner in which every aspect of a question is dealt with makes this report a "must" for everyone interested in Masonic Constitutional Law.

New York has a Committee on Service and Rehabilitation which goes into every phase of the welfare of their members; dealing with Employment, Education, Housing, Veterans' Affairs, Financial Aid and Counsel and Guidance.

Another report of a committee worthy of mention is that on Radio Broadcasts. It is rather lengthy and impossible for this reviewer to go into much detail, but suffice it to say that during its first year of functioning this committee presented two state-wide broadcasts, under Grand Lodge sponsorship, including a telecast of a film depicting M.W. Bro. George Washington laying the cornerstone of the National Capital in Washington, D.C.

In M.W. Bro. Townsend Scudder the Grand Lodge of New York has a chairman and reviewer of Foreign Correspondence par excellence and his contribution this year deserves serious reading and consideration, for he deals with many subjects that are dear to the heart of Freemasons: the spread of Communism, tolerance, Negro Freemasonry, and many other subjects. The recognition of "Prince Hall", or Negro Freemasonry, by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has let loose a barrage of argument for and against that threatens to disrupt the goodwill existing among the Grand Lodges of that Union. We in Canada are not interested in the matter; we know of the existence of such Lodges, and so long as they confine their activities among their own members we are willing to allow matters to remain status quo.

The topical review covers the activities of the Grand Lodges throughout the world, Canada receiving quite a good share of the space allotted, and Alberta is mentioned for her Banff Conference, and also the Conference of Montebello, Que.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. W. Totton.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. R. Irving.

—W.I.

MICHIGAN - 1948

The 104th Annual Communication was opened at Detroit, Michigan, May 25th, 1948.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Clarence A. Hooper.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. F. Homer Newton.

At December 31st, 1947, there were 519 Lodges, having a total membership of 148,437, a gain of 5,988 over the previous year.

The number of distinguished guests present was an imposing one, including the principal officers or their representatives from the Grand Bodies Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Knights Templar, the Royal Arch Masons and several M.W. Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada was, in his turn, received with appropriate honors, while the Union Jack was displayed

at the altar, and then the assembly joined in singing the "Maple Leaf Forever" and "God Save the King".

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge is quite comprehensive and contains reports on many subjects, of which the following perhaps have most interest for us:

In his address and report on the year's activities the Grand Master suggests that the apparent aim of some Worshipful Masters is to raise as many candidates as possible during his year in office under the impression that on that his success depends, with the result that the work is not well done and some of the elementary laws violated. He concludes, "He could not possibly be more mistaken."

The Grand Master makes reference to the ceremony in March, 1948, of the Installation of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England that took place in the Royal Albert Hall in London, which he attended accompanied by his Deputy, R.W. Bro. Cole, and which he describes as a never-to-be-forgotten experience. The Installation was performed by Most Worshipful Brother His Most Gracious Majesty the King, to whom the Grand Master and Deputy were later presented.

The Masonic Home and Hospital at Alma, of which the Masons of Michigan are justifiably proud, operates to provide a home for over 200 (at April 30th, 1948) men and women whose average age is 79 years, and cares for about 60 hospital patients. The need for additional accommodation is so urgent that the Board of Control, in its report to Grand Lodge, intimated that, notwithstanding the hospital addition of 53 new beds expected to be placed in use in January, 1949, it would be necessary to give consideration at an early date to the further addition of two 50-bed extensions. (Part of the construction costs of extension work is met by Lodges undertaking to furnish a particular room in the new building). Expense of operation is met principally by Lodge stipends or assessments, income from an Endowment Fund, voluntary contributions, and grants from Grand Lodge funds.

Other notable Grand Lodge grants of a charitable character include Aid to Disabled Veterans and to Masons in Foreign Jurisdictions, of which the principal was 1,000 C.A.R.E. packages (\$10 per package) to distressed brothers or widows in England.

An exhaustive report on Foreign Relations covering the relations of this Jurisdiction with others in various parts of the world was presented by Wor. Bro. Geo. Bushnell as chairman of the committee. Wor. Bro. Bushnell, who is also Puissant Lt. Commander of the A. & A.S.R., Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. is well qualified by personal knowledge and experience to deal with this particular subject. Of Canada the report says: "It would seem unnecessary to report specifically upon our happy relations with the various Grand Lodges of the Dominion of Canada. With each of them we are in fraternal and happy accord, and in each of them Freemasonry continues to flourish unabated."

The Proceedings does not include any review of the annual reports of other Jurisdictions.

—F.J.K.

MINNESOTA

The Ninety-fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, Sixth Street and Smith Avenue, in the City of St. Paul, on Wednesday, January 21st, 1948. The M.W. Grand Master, Carston L. Jacobson, opened the Grand Lodge in Ample Form, prayer being offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain. The National Colors and the Union Jack were presented by a Color Guard, after which the "National Anthem" and "God Save the King" were rendered on the organ. The committee reported 208 out of 292 active Lodges being represented. Present at the gathering were 15 Grand Officers, 17 Past Grand Masters and 265 Representatives of Lodges.

In his address the Grand Master said: "During this past year our subordinate Lodges have continued to receive petitions in almost unprecedented numbers and have found it necessary to use every reasonable means to keep up with their work. I granted a total of 322 dispensations, of which 305 were for the conferring of Degrees on more than five but not more than ten candidates at 569 Communications."

The Grand Master laid stress on the matter of "Intoxicating Beverages" and said: "We also have in our Jurisdiction another problem to which we should give prompt attention. The law of this Jurisdiction prohibits the acceptance of petitioners who are engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages, the continued membership of those who are so engaged, and the meeting of Lodges in buildings where such intoxicants are manufactured or sold. All of the American Grand Lodges, as far as I can learn, have some such legislation. Some of them, however, are far stricter than others. Most of them appear to have a more or less difficult enforcement problem. In this respect we are no exception."

Later, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that: "The incoming Grand Master appoint a committee consisting of five members to analyze all provisions of the Constitution and General Regulations of this Grand Lodge with reference to intoxicating liquors, and make a thorough investigation as to possible laxity on the part of subordinate Lodges in enforcing the same."

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. Luther W. Youngdahl, delivered a somewhat lengthy yet very interesting address. He concluded with the following paragraphs:

"The difficulty has been so often that we have not appreciated the fact that the profane,—those outside the pale of membership of the Masonic Lodge,—have no way of judging us as Masons except by the daily conduct of our lives. Thus we see the importance of reverence for individual personality and individual dedication. It emphasizes the damage that can be done to our great Masonic Lodge, even by one individual, who doesn't live up to the conception and the teachings of our noble fraternity.

"We face today the most challenging days of history for each individual. The greatest things have not yet been done. The greatest books have not yet been written. The greatest music has not yet been

composed. The greatest discoveries in science have not yet been made. The greatest achievements in social life have not yet been accomplished. The greatest triumphs of the spirit have not yet been achieved. The greatest dedication and consecration in the taking upon oneself noble purposes in life have not come to pass. The world awaits the coming of men and women who will be willing to yield obedience to self-discipline to the non-enforceable laws and regulations and responsibilities; who are willing to take it upon themselves some noble purpose and who are willing to consecrate their lives to it."

As Masons, such is the high state of our calling.

The Board of Custodians in their report recommended the following circular be issued by the Grand Master and mailed to the Master and Secretary of each Lodge to be read in open Lodge:

"To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of all Lodges in Minnesota: It has been brought to my attention that there is an increasing tendency on the part of certain Lodges, secretaries and members to disregard the provisions of the General Regulations, with reference to the sale and use of improper and unauthorized so-called cipher work or keys.

"Flagrant violations have been reported to me of the General Regulations which specially enumerate certain items of un-Masonic conduct, reading as follows: (1) To place in the hands of a candidate for the Degrees for use or for a Master Mason to use, any so-called cipher work or key to the Degree; (2) For a Master Mason to use any cipher work or key to the Degrees for the purpose of instruction or to purchase or have in his possession any such work, except such as is expressly authorized by this Grand Lodge. I therefore order that the Master of each Lodge bring to the attention of his Lodge that it is illegal and un-Masonic:

"(1) For any Mason to have in his possession any cipher other than the official cipher issued by the Grand Secretary;

"(2) For any Mason to coach a candidate for the Degrees by any cipher whatsoever;

"(3) For any Master, secretary or member to have in his possession or offer for sale any cipher but the official cipher issued by the Grand Secretary.

Any Lodge, or the member of any Lodge who persists in violating the provisions of the Regulations specified above is guilty of un-Masonic conduct. This condition, wherever it exists, must stop."

It is interesting to note that preparations are already in progress for the celebration of the fast approaching "Centennial" of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Grand Master—M.W. John B. Tomhave, Montevideo.

Grand Secretary—R.W. John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

Lodges: 292. Members: 56,469. Gain: 2,722.

—J.A.M.

MISSOURI

The One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Annual Communication convened at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis, on Tuesday, September 28th, 1948. Morris E. Ewing, M.W. Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Chaplain Samuel Thurman offered the invocation.

Messages of greetings were received from M.Wor. Brother Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, from the White House, and M.Wor. Brother Henry C. Chiles, now in Europe.

Distinguished visitors were introduced from Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, New Mexico and Washington, D.C.

The Grand Master, in his address of 26 pages, sets forth an admirable introduction of the aims and purposes of Freemasonry. He states "Freemasonry is sometimes wrongly referred to as an Order, and its solemn rites as a Ritual, our Fraternity is a Craft and its Ceremonies are work. A Craft is something more than an Order, because it inculcates and teaches a mystery". He condemns the using of Freemasonry for political purposes, such practice must not be tolerated in this jurisdiction. He instructed several of his Deputy Grand Masters to investigate a number of cases and have preferred charges where it has been shown that our laws have been utterly disregarded. The Grand Master criticizes the present liquor laws as inconsistent and unsatisfactory. He states that it does not seem right that one who operates a place of business and profits from the sale of liquor should be eligible to petition, while the man who works for him dispersing the liquor is ineligible. The Grand Master refers to the renting of Masonic Temples to allied and extraneous organizations. The question was referred to the Committee on Bylaws and the Building Supervisory Board.

The Grand Master attended 23 District Meetings, 10 Lodges laying of Cornerstones, 5 Funerals, 55 Lodges holding special meetings.

The Grand Master recommended that some thought be given to framing a law providing for the limitation of membership in a lodge.

The Grand Master convened a Special Communication of Grand Lodge on February 23rd, 1948, in the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple, Kansas City, to honor and to welcome the Italian Freemason Dottore Publio Cortini, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Orient of Italy.

The Grand Master closes his splendid address with the quotation by Henry Van Dyke, when he said:

"Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true;
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely."

The Grand Secretary reported a total membership at June 30th, 1948, of 109,167, a net gain of 4,253.

157 fifty-year Buttons were presented, which included 3 with 60 years' membership.

Number of Chartered Lodges 601 and 1 Lodge U.D.

Total receipts \$414,854.10. Total disbursements \$223,652.93.

The report of the Masonic Home Board shows a Medical Staff of 28.

Total members in the Home September 1st, 1948—277, consisting of 64 men, 177 women, 21 boys, 15 girls.

Per capita costs is \$1,002.59.

Total receipts for the year \$177,748.30. Total expenses \$277,718.03. Total Endowment Fund \$1,567,342.88.

The Committee on Foreign Recognition recommended the recognition of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address did not approve of a closed membership or a waiting list. The Committee recommended that should the finances of the Masonic Home be not adequately provided for, that the incoming Grand Master be empowered to appoint a special committee to survey the financial situation.

The Masonic World, by P.G.M. Ray V. Denslow, covers reports of Masonic information from all parts of the world; a wonderful report consisting of 100 pages.

Harry F. Sutherland, Kansas City, M.W. Grand Master.

Harold L. Reader, St. Louis, R.W. Grand Secretary.

The 128th Annual Communication will be held in St. Louis, Tuesday, September 29th, 1949.
—A.W.

MONTANA—1947

This was the 83rd annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of Montana and was held at Great Falls, August 19-20. M.W. Bro. Carlisle S. Kenyon presided. The meeting opened with a becoming tribute to the American flag, pledging allegiance to it and the Government of the country. Following this and with equal sincerity was a fine tribute paid the "Union Jack" which was described as "an emblem of freedom and democracy."

Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, Grand Master of Alberta; Past Master the late A. G. R. Bond, and M.Wor. Bro. George F. Ellis, Past Grand Master of Alberta. They were given a royal welcome and saluted with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Master in his remarks drew attention to the need of more room in the Masonic Home at Helena—a new building was wanted.

395 members of the jurisdiction had been called to the Supreme Grand Lodge above during the year.

A new Lodge, Rimrock, was instituted at Billings, the third in that city.

The list of visitations both in and out of state is quite extensive, indicating a busy year for the Grand Master.

The Grand Master attended the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association at Washington where they were cordially received by M.W. Bro. Harry Truman, President of the United States. The President, in his remarks of welcome, urged "the Masons to take an active part in what he termed regenerating the morals of the nation as a means towards curbing the growing rate of crime among juveniles."

About 300 certificates had been presented to members 50 years and over and were still members since the Grand Lodge adopted the plan in 1927.

Many Lodges are printing bulletins and which are proving of much interest to the members and by which those at a distance are kept in touch with their home lodge.

There was a net gain of membership of 1,120. There are seven Lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of over 500 each.

Alberta was represented by its Grand Representative, M.W. Bro. J. W. Speers.

Wor. Bro. Stephen A. Holt was elected Grand Master for 1948.

Excellent addresses were made by the distinguished visitors from Alberta, all of whom were made Honorary Members of the Grand Lodge of Montana.

Recognition was given the Grand Lodge of Italy which comprises 418 constituent lodges. The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands (Holland) was similarly recognized.

—J.S.H.

MONTANA—1948

The 1948 Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Montana met at Billings, August 17-18. M.Wor. Bro. Stephen A. Holt presiding as Grand Master. Special Convocations were held during the year at Billings to consecrate Rimrock Lodge and at Townsend to lay the corner stone of a new temple and another to dedicate the temple.

The Grand Master visited 42 cities and towns, contacted 108 lodges and travelled 14,000 miles by car.

A proclamation was issued for the observance of the birthday of the "Father of Our Country, George Washington."

Referring to the urge in the minds of some Masons to hurry so they can take so-called "higher degrees" of Masonry, the Grand Master said:

"My brethren, there are no higher degrees of Masonry. The whole philosophy of Freemasonry is contained in the Blue or Symbolic Lodge. The so-called higher degrees are higher only in the sense that they elaborate upon the underlying truths and principles of Blue Lodge Masonry. They are the branches. Symbolic or Blue Lodge Masonry is the trunk."

The District Officers were optimistic about the well-being of the fraternity—"the lodges are thriving, finances are sound, good fellowship is abounding and the instruction of our initiates is thorough."

Reference was made to the crisis facing the schools of the state and nation—shortage of teachers, class rooms overcrowded and school levies excessive. Due to the effects of this crisis it is found in many sections that the Church of Rome has taken over the instruction of our youths and is receiving compensation from public revenues.

The net gain in membership for the year was 791. The 135 lodges in the jurisdiction have a total membership of 22,564.

Wor. Bro. Henry O. Morgan was elected Grand Master.

—J.S.H.

NEVADA—1948

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Nevada, was held in the Masonic Temple at Reno, Nevada, June 10th to 11th, 1948, M.W. Bro. George A. Montrose presiding.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, who requested their assistance during the Communication and invited them to seats in the East. Forty-six Grand Representatives were present, Alberta being represented by Wor. Bro. R. A. Trimble.

In his address to Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. Montrose expresses disappointment at his inability to carry on as he had wished, owing to illness, and records his appreciation for kind words, encouraging letters and prayers, without which he often would have fallen by the wayside. He had tried in the few times he had been able to address the Lodges to impress upon them the duties of Masons in this day and age. He says "I have talked, and talked from my heart, of the great threat of Communism that is being made to this country and my belief that Masonry should take a firm and decided stand against it." He did not consider this as entering the field of politics any more than it would be un-Masonic to speak against the forces of atheism and immorality because we should not discuss religion in the Lodge.

One new Lodge was instituted and one other, Tuscarorazi instituted in 1878, finding it impossible to meet as required by law, consolidated with Elko Lodge No. 15. \$1,432.50 was forwarded to the Masonic Service Association of the United States and \$540.00 to the George Washington Memorial Association.

A new Petition Form and Committee Report Form were adopted and the Constitution amended to the effect that a Master Mason shall not be entitled to vote in the proceedings of the Lodge nor receive a membership card until he has passed a suitable examination in the lecture of the Third Degree.

Bro. K. O. Knudsen, W. Grand Orator, delivered a clever and potent address, of a semi-historical tendency, tracing the progress of man through the ages to the present day American which he entitled "Frontiers of Masonry". We take his concluding paragraph, "What will you men of Masonry—Ye Builders of Civilization—do to bring enlightenment to future generations? Will you take the trowel of Masonry and spread the cement of brotherly love throughout God's Kingdom? If so go home and read your trestle-board and see if you have performed all the duties which God has inscribed thereon. Go now, before the Grand Warden shall blow his trumpet and ye be called from labor to eternal refreshments in the paradise of God."

A fine review of Proceedings was presented by Bro. E. C. Peterson, P.G.M., with an interesting foreword covering the general theme of Masonic thought expressed throughout lecture of the Third Degree.

We thank him for his gracious review of Alberta.

26 Lodges, Membership 4,117. Net gain 178.

Grand Master—Wilfred T. Voss.

Grand Secretary—Edward C. Peterson.

—L.D.N.

NEVADA—1947

The 83rd Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Nevada was convened in the Masonic Temple at Reno, Nevada, July 12th to 13th, 1947, M.W. Grand Master Bro. Paul L. Maloney presiding.

Seventeen Past Grand Masters were welcomed and invited to the East, and 49 Grand Representatives answered the roll call. W. Bro. R. A. Trimble of Amity Lodge No. 4, Silver City, represented Alberta.

The Grand Master visited every section of the State, and felt pride in being a Mason for he says the finest, most sincere men in those communities are members of our great Fraternity. Especially interested in the youth of the nation, he puts forth a plea, in his address to Grand Lodge "to give assistance and inspiration to constituent lodges so that the young people of Nevada can secure the help and guidance needed for the future." He visited most of the Rainbow Assemblies and DeMolay Chapters in the Jurisdiction and states, "I could not but realize anew that the real wealth of Nevada is not in cattle, sheep, or mining, nor any of those things with the dollar mark before it, but the fundamental resource to our nation, to our State, our communities and to Masonry, is in our youth. The future of Masonry and of our country depends upon what we do with this human wealth. It can be neglected or it can be stimulated to the fullest development." Commenting on the revived interest in the Craft since the start of the second World War, he notes Nevada has been careful in its selection of those seeking admission.

Bro. Chas E. Fleming's oration was received with loud and prolonged applause. His discourse mostly appertains to leadership, and

directs attention to the more than three million Masons in the United States who constitute a very influential body of men in every community. "Each one of us can do a little by personal example, and if each does his part faithfully the sum of our labor will be great" . . . "The true work of Masonry is much higher and nobler than any form of words. It was instituted to make men better and worthier, more charitable and beneficent and to disseminate correct ideas in regard to God, the universe, ourselves, and human institutions. Herein lies our greatest contribution for the possible solution of every problem humanity will face."

The Grand Secretary's report states 23 requests for Courtesy Degrees were received from other Jurisdictions and promptly assigned to the nearest Lodge, and 23 requests for Courtesy Degrees were made to other Grand Lodges, all of which were honored. Membership at April 15th, 1947, 3937, a net gain of 190.

The Charity Committee reported no requests for assistance had been presented during the year.

A request to allow the Order of Amaranth to enter Nevada was tabled.

A recommendation that each individual member of the constituent Lodges contribute not less than one dollar, half to be paid to the Masonic Service Association for Hospital Visitation Centres, and one-half to be retained by Grand Lodge, to be expended under direction of the Masonic Service Committee, received approval and was adopted.

The Grand Master-elect was presented with a silk hat from the members of his Lodge, and stated he would endeavour to wear the hat with credit to himself, and honor to Douglas Lodge and the Grand Lodge.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is preceded with a nice foreword from M.W. Bro. Peterson, P.G.M. Grand Secretary, and Alberta is appropriately reviewed, with extracts from M.W. Bro. Crane-Williams' address to Grand Lodge.

Grand Master—George A. Montrose.

Grand Secretary—Edward C. Peterson.

—L.D.N.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Grand Master (presiding)—M.W. Bro. Donald C. Malcolm.

Grand Master (re-elected)—M.W. Bro. Donald C. Malcolm.

Grand Secretary—V.W. Bro. R. D. Magee.

Lodges—49. Members— 7,236. Gain—487.

The Eighty-first Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held at St. John, New Brunswick, on August 26th, 1948. M.W. Bro. Donald C. Malcolm presided.

The Grand Master expressed disappointment that Masonic Education was not being conducted with the zeal expected by the sub-

ordinate lodges of the Jurisdiction. "I feel," he remarked, "that too much attention is being paid to making members and not Masons." His address emphasized the responsibility of Masons in giving leadership through the practice of Masonic ideals in a troubled world.

Two projects were commended by the Grand Master for the consideration of Grand Lodge. He suggested that every member of the Fraternity in New Brunswick should do everything possible to further the work of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage, pointing out that the institution was in great need of financial help. The other project was that of Masonic Bursaries. He revealed that from time to time inquiries were made concerning assistance at school and college to boys of Masonic families. The feeling of the Grand Master was that the benevolent fund was not sufficiently used, and he urged consideration of the two projects.

R.W. Bro. Donald A. Somerville, D.D.G.M., of District No. 4, reported on a Masonic Pilgrimage from New Brunswick to Montreal. Some one hundred and fifty Masons left Edmonston, and on arrival in Montreal were greeted by the Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge, the members of which acted as hosts to the visitors. Highlights of the Pilgrimage were an exemplification of the First Degree by St. George's Lodge and a visit to the Shriners' Hospital.

R.W. Bro. J. T. Bottomley, D.D.G.M., of District No. 5, made special reference to a Masonic Play, "Heart of Our Fathers," presented by Sussex Lodge No. 7. Visitors from other Lodges of the District and from the State of Maine made up the large attendance at this meeting. The D.D.G.M. commented on the excellence of the work of the performers.

The New Brunswick Proceedings do not include a section devoted to Foreign Correspondence. —M.J.V.D.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND A.F.&A.M. of THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, St. John's, Newfoundland, Wednesday, April 28th, 1948. Rt.Wor. Bro. George R. Williams, D.G.M., in the chair.

The minutes of the Semi-Annual Communication of November 19th, 1947, were read.

A letter was read from the Most Worshipful Brother, His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., expressing thanks for congratulations which he had received on his installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall in London on March 23rd, 1948.

The District Grand Secretary reported thirteen Lodges with a membership of 1739 as at December 31st, 1947. An increase of 97 for the year.

The District Grand Treasurer reported receipts including balance forward of \$4,764.35 and payments of \$2,892.86, leaving a balance of \$1,871.49 on hand.

The President of the Board of General Purposes reported approval of the per capita tax to meet expenses of delegates to future get-togethers of Grand Lodges and District Grand Lodges of North America. It was explained that expenses were pooled.

The Grand Master in his address reported the formation of two new Lodges.

The Grand Master referred to the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. 8,000 brethren in full regalia were present. His Majesty conducted the installation. The Grand Master reports having visited 50 or more lodges and meetings during the six months.

The Grand Master closed his address by quoting the words of wisdom spoken by the Most Worshipful Brother His Majesty the King:

"When I addressed your predecessor at his Installation I said I believe that a determination to maintain the values which have been the rock upon which the Masonic structure has stood firm against the storms of the past, is the only policy which can be pursued in the future.

"I think that warning needs emphasizing today, when men sometimes swayed by sentimentality or an indiscriminate tolerance are apt to overlook the lesson of the past. I cannot better impress this upon you than by quoting from the Book on which we have all taken our Masonic obligations. 'Remove not the Ancient Landmark which thy Fathers have set'."

The Grand Master closes his address with the words: Let us all therefore with that message, hold fast to our ancient principles and tenets, maintaining those highest ideals in all our labours for God, for King, for Masonry and for the Nation.

R.W. George R. Williams, St. John's, District Grand Master.

W.B. R. B. Brown, St. John's, District Grand Secretary.

— A.W.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEWFOUNDLAND A.F. & A.M. of

THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

The Semi-Annual Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, St. John's, Newfoundland, on Wednesday, November 19th, 1947. Rt. Wor. Bro. George R. Williams, M.B.E., in the chair.

Resolutions of condolence were passed for the passing of Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Honourable Henry George Charles, Earl of Harewood and Viscount Lascelles, G.C.V.O., D.S.O.,

also for the passing of Worshipful District Grand Chaplain, Reverend Canon George Henry Bolt, M.A., D.C.L.

A workable plan was suggested and approved to assist Notre Dame Bay Lodge regarding constitutional difficulties of this Lodge. Members live at long distances, and have to cross at times very stormy waters, or in winter frozen wastes, on either side of Little Bay. Meetings will now be held in Springdale in winter months and at Little Bay in the summer months. A period of renewed activity seems assured to this old and honourable Lodge.

Many of the Bylaws were found to be obsolete. An amended set was prepared and were accepted by the Lodges.

It was resolved to present a resolution at the Annual Communication, that a per capita tax to meet expenses of delegates sent to get-togethers of Grand and District Grand Lodges of North America.

The District Grand Master, Rt.Wor. Bro. Williams, in his address reported having visited 60 lodges during the half year. He appears to have had a very busy term.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1948

A special communication was held in September, 1947, for the purpose of dedicating the Lodge Room of Benevolent Lodge at Milford, New Hampshire.

The semi-annual communication was held in the City of Manchester, New Hampshire, on November 18th, 1947, when as is customary, the chief business is the exemplification of the degree work, the degrees being exemplified by the officers of three of the subordinate lodges and corrections of the work made by the Grand Lecturer.

The one hundred and fifty-ninth annual communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire was held in the City of Concord on May 19th, 1948, presided over by the M.W. Grand Master, Harold O. Cady.

The Grand Lodge was opened without form for the reception of distinguished guests; these included the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts; a Past Grand Master of New Jersey; a Past Grand Master of Maryland; a Past Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Connecticut; the Deputy Grand Master of Rhode Island; the Grand Junior Warden of Vermont and representatives of concordant Masonic bodies.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The address of the Grand Master revealed much activity during the year, detailing his many visits and acts, the listing of which is a lengthy job, there being 34 visitations, attendance at 8 Lodges of Instruction, many courtesy degrees performed both for and by New Hampshire lodges, but beyond the details of his duties there is nothing of outstanding interest for those beyond his own jurisdiction.

Recognition was given to the Grand Lodge of Italy and the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

An increase was made in the per capita tax payable to Grand Lodge.

In reporting on Foreign Correspondence, the Grand Secretary regrets that having been "laid by the heels" for a lengthy period the reports are incomplete; we trust he is now back in his usual form and wish him "the best". He states, and we repeat, "men, in greater numbers than ever before, are embracing the tenets of our Craft; and may they not, oh Lord, as we have too long done, confirm their Masonry to Temple and Lodge Room, but let them every day preach and exemplify the doctrine of Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God." To which we say "Amen".

81 lodges, membership 14,756, net gain 520. —C.S.H.L.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Sixty-First Annual Communication of this Grand Jurisdiction was held at Atlantic City, April 21st and 22nd, 1948. M.W. Frank Kovach, Grand Master.

The Masonic Fraternity of New Jersey, and Masonry in general, suffered a great loss in the passing to the Grand Lodge above of M.W. Bro. Edward Monroe Searin; and M.W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, and we sympathize with the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Representative of Alberta, R.W. Bro. John R. Wilkie, was present as were also nineteen Past Grand Masters, along with many visitors from 13 Grand Jurisdictions.

In his reply to the greetings of the Grand Master to the Grand Representatives, M.W. Bro. Walter S. Gray, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Grand Representative of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Phillipine Islands, quoted these words:

"To him who holds communion with nature, in all her visible forms, she speaks a various language. But for us to hold communion with Masons is to speak a universal language. It is that which today we hear, we understand, and for which we are grateful. Your Masonic welcome helps immeasurably to cement world ties of union, of fellowship, of love, and of fraternity. May the day come at last when like words of welcome, when the glad hand of friendship, shall find all peoples of earth with a common bond, a bond which shall cement mankind, men of all races, even all religions, into a mighty Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

To be present and hear a message of this kind and join in the genuine applause would have given us great pleasure.

M.W. Bro. Kovach read his address which covers not only some 20 pages of the Proceedings, but 12 months of such activity that only men of strong purpose and unflinching faith are privileged to be able to accomplish. In conclusion he states:

"My Brethren, Masonic principles do not need to be brought up to date. They do need a greater confidence on our part in proclaiming and following them. They are not an idle dream on a worthless erudition, not a vague philosophy or an impossible goal—The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—they are the hope of mankind. With these in our possession we need not fear to approach the fires of opposition, for we carry in our hands neither grass nor stubble, but precious metal which flames cannot destroy, but only purify."

The Grand Secretary reports 279 Lodges and membership as at January 1st, 1948, 86,036, being a net gain of 4,052 for the year.

We read with special interest the report of Special Committee on youth activities. The letters received by this committee are an education to read.

Bro. E. Walter Parsons was elected Grand Master.

Bro. I. Cherry, Grand Secretary.

They were duly and legally installed.

—W.E.B.

NEW MEXICO—1948

The seventy-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico was held at Santa Fe on March 22nd, 1948, with M.W. Rupert F. Aspland, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Representatives of 56 jurisdictions were presented and welcomed by the Grand Master. Representatives from six other Masonic bodies were also welcomed.

Eleven Past Grand Masters of New Mexico responded to the roll call, and communications were received from seven others regretting their inability to be present on account of illness or business pressure.

The distinguished guests included the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer of Colorado and a Past Grand Master of Texas.

The Grand Master suggested that the number of lodges in each district be limited to five and that the number of districts be correspondingly increased.

During the year they lost two Past Grand Masters by death.

The educational committee are making efforts to disseminate Masonic knowledge amongst the members of the Craft, especially among the newly raised candidates, but their efforts are handicapped by lack of effective co-operation. This was partly evidenced by the fact that 75% of the lodge secretaries failed to furnish the committee with the necessary information that the committee might send the prepared material to the newly raised candidates. The Grand Master remarked that only about 10% of the Masons read the material provided. Alas, how Masonic education is neglected by the majority, so through ignorance and indifference of its members, our

Order fails to acquire the important place available to it of power and influence in the lives of men and nations.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is in the form of a "topical" report instead of the usual "jurisdictional" survey and makes very interesting reading. They refer to "Antagonism to Freemasonry" and draw attention to a "new phase" in which it is appearing in the States, known as the Inter-Seminary Movement. A long quotation from the correspondence of another Grand Jurisdiction is given and the writer states that the matter being new to him, he assumes it will be new to many. To briefly summarize: It appears to be the seed of a movement that needs watching, because of its subtlety, knocking at all types of fraternal orders, but by its references, apparently aimed largely at Freemasonry. Its great danger lies in the influence that will come from the Church through the inaccurate impressions being taught to its future leaders, based on partial ignorance. We hold and maintain that Freemasonry and the Church should compliment each other and not be in opposition to each other.

The question of a retirement plan is reported as attracting the attention of many Grand Lodges, thus indicating that Masonry as well as business organizations are becoming more conscious of their obligation to their employees under conditions in the world today.

It is noted that 55 of the 57 lodges were represented at the Grand Lodge communication. The present membership of 9,470 shows a net gain of 754.

Several Special Sessions were called during the year, one for the funeral of a Past Grand Master and others in connection with new lodge premises, such as dedication, laying of corner stone, etc.

Walter F. Edwards—Grand Master.
LaMoine Langston—Grand Secretary.

—G.S.B.L.

REPORT OF GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES—1947

M.W. Bro. Frank Whiddon—Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. J. S. Miller—Grand Secretary.

At a special Communication held July 3, 1946, at Sydney, M.W. Bro. Frank Whiddon having been re-elected as Grand Master, was proclaimed as such for his second term.

At June 30, 1947, there are 649 Lodges, an increase during the year of 27, with a total membership of 92,867, an increase of 6,515.

In the Grand Master's address following his proclamation he offers some observations on the apparent desire of some Lodges for members, which gives rise to just a doubt whether it is a question of quantity or quality, and that as a consequence of dealing with the maximum number of candidates at Regular Meetings without consideration to Emergent Meetings, there is not provided that necessary or desirable opportunity to convey Masonic instruction, particularly to new members. He continues:

"Would that not make our Masonic Principles and Tenets more understandable to the mind of the young Mason having taken the First, Second and Third Degree, and to others also, if that procedure were adopted? Is it any wonder that he may say to himself 'and so what'?"

"Therefore, by the careful scrutiny of your Investigation Committee, jealously guard our portals, and although I would not counsel you to restrict numbers, I would seriously admonish you to find some opportunity to impart some Masonic instruction to the vast number of new Masons made in this Jurisdiction."

Much the same sentiments have been expressed on occasion here, and it can be sensed that there is a feeling which likewise is felt sometimes in our Jurisdiction that a contributory cause to the above condition may lie in the too ready willingness on the part of members to recommend applicants for membership. As some check on this, a resolution was passed at the Quarterly Communication held at Sydney on 11th September, 1946, that "... the candidate must have been acquainted with both such nominators for not less than three years and two years, respectively, prior to the time of signing such nomination."

An event that must have been the cause for much gratification to the Brethren was the re-opening on January 13, 1947, of that most useful Institution, the William Thompson Masonic School and Hostel, with pupils being again taken into residence after the property had been in the hands of the military authorities since January, 1942.

—F.J.K.

NEW ZEALAND

The Fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held in the Masonic Temple at Wellington, November 12, 1947. The Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Charles Flavell.

Many Past Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance and 310 Lodges were represented. The first business was the election of Grand Master for the ensuing year and R.W. Bro. W. J. Girling, D.G.M., having been nominated, was on motion of the Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. Russell, declared elected.

The scheme of distribution of elective Officers of Grand Lodge as adopted by the Board of General Purposes was presented and on motion was adopted and the Officers declared elected.

The financial statement was presented and adopted. The statement showed Grand Lodge to be in very sound financial position.

The Board of Benevolence submitted a very complete report on its activities during the year and included particulars of grants made totalling 1,279 pounds.

The Annuity Board and Board of Management of the Widows, Orphans and Aged Masons Fund submitted a full report on its activi-

ties which listed payments to widows, children and members (no names given) during the year totalling 8,822 pounds.

Past Grand Lodge Rank was conferred on certain members for services to the Craft covering many years.

The Committee of Management of the Papakura Masonic Boys' Home submitted its report. The Home is capable of caring for 10 boys but only six boys were being cared for during the year. The financial position was very satisfactory.

The report of the Kirkpatrick Masonic Institute, a home for girls under 16 years of age, was submitted and showed a slight operating deficit for the year.

The incoming Grand Lodge Officers were installed and invested in the evening in due form and the Grand Master then addressed the Lodge following which the Lodge was closed in ample form.

NOVA SCOTIA

Grand Master (presiding)—M.W. Bro. A. H. MacMillan.

Grand Master (elected)—M.W. Bro. David A. O'Neil.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. R. V. Harris, K.C.

Lodges, 105. Members, 11,952. Gain, 665.

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax on June 9th, 1948.

Listed among the Grand Lodge Officers as Grand Chaplain was R.W. Bro. Most Rev. George F. Kingston, Primate of the Church of England in Canada, who, while visiting Alberta recently, made and renewed many Masonic friendships.

The Grand Master's address notes a variation from Alberta practice in his report of a refusal to grant a request for a dispensation to obligate more than three candidates at the same time. The address also makes special reference to Equity Lodge. "On the petition of a number of Masons of Halifax and Dartmouth, and with the unanimous approval of the Advisory Board, I granted dispensation for the instituting of Equity Lodge for the purpose of initiating candidates of the coloured race. This I was pleased to do." After visiting this Lodge, the Grand Master prophesied great things for them with the material they were receiving.

In 1949-50 Masonry will be celebrating the bi-centenary of its founding in Halifax, co-incidental with that of the City.

The Grand Secretary's report refers to a communication to R.W. Bro. His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander, informing him of the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge the previous year which conferred on him the honorary rank of Past Deputy Grand Master.

The minimum objective of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting a Peace Memorial Wing to the Masonic Home was reached. Price of material and of labour had, in the meantime risen sharply, and the cost was reported as double its original estimate. Procedure on the plan was therefore delayed until the necessary increase to funds available have been achieved.

Many Alberta Lodges would like to respond to Item No. 4 of Nova Scotia's Broom and Gavel Cup regulations. It states: "Any Lodge in Nova Scotia that can muster a rink of bona fide curlers consisting of four players, shall be eligible to challenge the Lodge holding said cup." Ionic Lodge, No. 73, Middleton, holds the trophy at the present time. On March 15th the Ionic team defended it in a close match in which, after 23 ends the score was a tie. At the very last Ionic saved the day by scoring two additional points to win 23-21.

Returns of Lodges are detailed, and give personalized pictures. Names of Lodge Officers, Past Masters, candidates raised, members demitted, members died, and members affiliated, are given.

Fraternal Correspondence constitutes an important section of Nova Scotia's Proceedings. A standardized form of report results in a businesslike presentation without detracting from the individuality of each review. A comprehensive outline of Alberta's 1947 Communication is a part of this Fraternal Correspondence.

—M.J.V.D.

OHIO—1947

The One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio was held in the City of Cincinnati on Wednesday, October 15th, 1947, with M.W. Bro. Wm. W. Carlton, Grand Master, presiding.

The proceedings were graced with the presence of a large number of distinguished brethren from neighboring jurisdictions as well as those coming from a distance, including the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands. These brethren were received in accordance with their rank and honored by the brethren.

In the roll call of Grand Representatives we are pleased to note that the representative from Alberta answered.

The address of the Grand Master is one of great interest to Freemasonry in that he upheld its good name when wrongfully assailed, and that he did not hesitate to intervene when quasi Masonic organizations violated the Masonic Code.

Ohio has consistently refused admission to applicants for membership who have lost so much as a finger, thus complying literally to Article IV of the Ancient Charges. The Grand Master suggests a change whereby the Master of the Lodge shall determine the fitness of a candidate and if he is unable to satisfy himself, he may appeal to the Grand Master for his ruling.

The Grand Master makes an appeal for more cordial relations between the several organizations requiring Freemasonry as a prerequisite to membership and suggests "how good and how pleasant it would be for these officers to get together frequently for a free interchange of thought concerning policy matters which affect the welfare of all."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a gain in membership of 11,997.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is an appeal to all foreign Jurisdictions to join in an Onward movement of the spirit to inculcate and develop those great universal realities as are contained in the philosophy of Freemasonry. In the Reviews Alberta is accorded very generous treatment; the address of M.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Crane-Williams being largely quoted especially his trip into the Yellowknife Country. We express our thanks to the reviewer for his congratulations and good wishes which we most heartily reciprocate.

—W.I.

Raymond A. Younger—Grand Master.

Harry S. Johnson—Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA—1948

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma A.F. & A.M. was held at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on February 10th, 1948.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Henry S. Johnston.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. D. E. McCroskey, presided. In his address he stated that he had been unable to obtain a leave of absence from the Post Office Department, but in spite of this, he had, in the course of his duties as Grand Master, travelled more than 50,000 miles, visited all 40 of his Districts, and addressed more than 200 meetings. During his visits he had conferred degrees, conducted funerals, laid cornerstones and installed officers of Lodges. This in addition to his duties in the Postal Service is a wonderful record of energy and devotion to duty.

A committee was appointed by the Grand Master to investigate the needs at Woodward after the storm of April 9th. And later he sent \$1,000.00 to the Woodward Relief Committee:

He attended the Conference of Grand Masters of the United States and Canada, and apparently was greatly impressed, and stated that much valuable information was imparted by the various Grand Masters. He recommended that in addition to the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and the Grand Junior Warden should be sent to future Conferences.

In the conclusion of his address, he stressed the point that Masonry is a definite part of all affairs of mankind, and cannot divorce itself from humanity. We quote the following from this informative and beautiful address:

"The Atom Bomb has exploded many of our customs and habits. Many of the old ways hold danger for the future. The ideal of Brotherhood which Masonry has long held forward must be accepted by all. The Masonic Ideal of Brotherhood and fellowship is placed as the highest order of human relationship. Masonry has for generations sought this Ideal. It is not sufficient for us to talk about Brotherhood and the necessity for all human beings to look upon one another as brothers. Each and every one of us must build for himself a temple of the soul with beautiful characteristics which will make our fellows look upon us kindly, and say they are proud to call us Brother."

We greatly sympathize with our Oklahoma Brethren in their loss by death of M.W. Bro. O. Lonzo Connor, Grand Master in 1919.

Dispensations were issued for new Lodges at Midwest City and Elmore City, during 1947, and Charters granted at this Communication.

The report of the Committee on Masonic Publication was adopted. This places the control of the magazine "The Oklahoma Mason" under a committee sponsored and selected by Grand Lodge, and arranges for the magazine to be published on a subscription basis.

Recognition was given to the following Grand Lodges: Minas Gerais, Brazil; Ceara, Brazil; Sao Paulo, Venezuela; The Netherlands. Belgium and the Syrian-Libanese were held over for further investigation.

The Necrology report makes mention of the passing to the Great Beyond of two Alberta Past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop and A. G. R. Bond.

During the year 282 days of Constituent Lodge Schools resulted in 54 new certificates being granted and 313 renewed.

The Grand Orator, R.W. Bro. Frank Austin Rittenhouse, gave an oration entitled "Freemasonry in all of its Rites." It is exceptionally interesting, as is also the address of R.W. Bro. John C. Hubbard, "The Adaptation of Ancient Craft Masonry to Modern Requirements." We greatly enjoyed reading these addresses.

The Committee on Correspondence reviewed the Proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges, which did not include Alberta.

Number of Lodges, 388; membership, 66,478; gain, 4,213.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Dr. John C. Hubbard.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Claude A. Sturgeon.

—W.A.B.

OREGON

The 98th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, A.F. & A.M., was held at Portland, Oregon, on June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1948.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walter M. Ranson, reminded the

Brethren that he had previously stated that he had a plan whereby Masons who had been raised in recent years could be educated to the principles and purposes of Masonry. In connection with this plan the Grand Master had asked every Lodge in his Jurisdiction to hold at least ten planned meetings during the year. Twelve hundred planned meetings were held, and apparently greatly increased the attendance in the Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary attended the conference of Grand Masters of Western Canada, held at Banff, Alberta. The Grand Master furnished each of his D.D.G.M.'s with a copy of the papers discussed at this meeting.

The Grand Master also attended a conference of Grand Lodge officers at Washington, Oregon and Idaho, held at Pendleton, and the conference of Grand Masters held at Washington, D.C., and the meeting of the George Washington Association. At the latter, representatives of five Grand Jurisdictions of Canada were guests. The George Washington Memorial has cost five million dollars at this time, and would cost one million more to complete. Oregon has paid its full quota, but M.W. Bro. Ransom felt that if five million of this money had been used for a living memorial, it would have been better spent.

We sympathize greatly with our Oregon Brethren in their loss by death, of two Past Grand Masters during 1947. M.W. Bro. Earl Wilcox Snell, Governor of the State of Oregon, and M.W. Bro. William Coleman Bristol.

We note that the dispensation for the Oregon Military Lodge at Frankfurt, Germany, was continued, and that charters were granted to Lodges at Trail, Tigard and Portland.

Among other dispensations we noticed one to a Lodge to meet at Malheur Cave for the purpose of conferring the M.M. Degree, and to another Lodge to hold a communication on Bald Mountain, in a natural amphitheatre, for a similar purpose.

Grand Master Ransom spoke very highly of the Superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. But is of the opinion that the Home is gradually becoming a hospital, and he has made certain recommendations concerning it. He also advised that the Home farm property be sold, as it was too small to be operated economically.

During his year of office the Grand Master appointed a committee for an Education programme. It has apparently produced good results, and we believe that all Grand Lodges are finding it desirable to make greater efforts to provide some system of Masonic education for their new members.

The oration entitled, "Freedom's Mandate to Masonry", by the Grand Orator, Bro. Frederick M. Hunter, is exceptionally interesting. He warns of the danger to democracy of Russian tyranny, and makes suggestions for a successful opposition to this danger. His address also contains an historical sketch of the growth of freedom through Freemasonry, from the 6th century to the period when the Constitution of the United States was drawn up by those five great

Masons, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson.

We greatly enjoyed reading this interesting and informative address, and regret that we cannot publish it in full.

We were pleased to note that Alberta's representative, Bro. Edwin L. York, was present at this communication.

During the year there were 316 Life Memberships issued, and Emblems were presented to 33 Masons who had been in good standing in Masonry for the past fifty years.

The report of the Grand Lodge Historian, W. Bro. Frank W. Knoll, entitled "How Masonry Came to Oregon," is very interesting, and would indicate a great deal of research work on the part of this learned Brother. We were particularly interested in reading the account of the commencement of the oldest Oregon Lodge, Multnomah No. 1, which was apparently named in honour of the Indian Chief Multnomah, who was friendly to the white settlers. This Lodge celebrated their 100th anniversary in 1948.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is in an entirely different form to that used in most Grand Jurisdictions. Information regarding other Grand Lodges is arranged under various headings, such as Education, Proficiency, Service Awards, Attendance, Degree Teams, Fraternizing, Buildings, Co-Masonry, Prince Hall, Masonic Homes, etc. The object of this change is stated to be that this change and material shortening of the Review should result in a wider reading. Your Alberta Reviewer is of the opinion that this new style of review is a great improvement, and hopes it may be adopted by other Grand Jurisdictions.

Number of Lodges, 182; membership, 35,074; gain, 2,076.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Lloyd K. McRae.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Harry D. Proudfoot.

—W.A.B.

PENNSYLVANIA—1948

At the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, December 1st, 1948, R.W. Bro. Geo. H. Deike was re-elected Grand Master, for his second of the two-year term customary in this Jurisdiction. R.W. Bro. Matthew Galt, Jr., was re-elected to the office of Grand Secretary.

At the close of the year there were 564 Lodges, having a membership of 217,559, a net increase of 7,174 over previous year.

The Annual Communication was held December 27th, 1948.

An In Memoriam was delivered in tribute to R.W. Bro. Raymond M. Remick, Senior Grand Warden, whose sudden and untimely death at the age of 63 occurred on October 12, 1948. He had rendered distinguished service to the Grand Lodge for a number of years as a member and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and during his

brief term as Senior Grand Warden. He was recognized as the leading figure of the Bar of the Orphans Court of Philadelphia County, and was also active in Church and Civic affairs.

The Grand Master in his address commends the work of the Schools of Instruction in Ritualistic Work. The Instructor of Work in his report presented to Grand Lodge comments as follows, which is quoted because of the excellent advice it contains for Masters and Wardens, and in fact all Brethren performing ritualistic work.

"We are not unmindful of the fact that our first duty and responsibility is to touch the authorized Ritual, and to see that this is the Work taught in our Schools. However, while we have steadfastly kept this duty in mind, we have on our visits to the Schools and at District Meetings, not only emphasized the importance of perfection of Ritual and uniformity of Floor Work, but, as opportunity presented and time permitted, we have endeavored to impress upon our Brethren, that perfect rendition of the Ritual is not the ultimate end for which we should strive. Mastering the Ritual should mark just the beginning of our study. Unless we discover for ourselves the richness of its phrases and learn something of the Great Truths it contains, we cannot hope to convey much of its interest, its beauty and important teachings to the neophyte; nor will we be likely to awaken in him a deep interest in and a keen desire for further light and knowledge."

The Grand Master also refers to the desirability of the formation of new Lodges in suitable localities and as opposing too large membership in older Lodges.

"Let us have more Lodges so that additional brethren may work and thereby create a greater interest among our membership."

The financial and philanthropic affairs of the Grand Lodge, which are extensive, form an important part of the address. Important among these are the many bequests and Endowment Funds in support of the Masonic Home at Elizabethtown, and the Freemason's Memorial Hospital. The Home was established in 1910 for the care and relief of Pennsylvania Masonic Brethren, their wives and children, and later their grand-children. The number of guests at November 15th, 1948, was 596, which number included 316 widows of Master Masons, 10 mothers of Master Masons, and 55 boys and girls. The number of applicants exceeds the accommodation available, notwithstanding extensive additions since its inception. The Home has its own dairy herd of approximately 250 head, a piggery, and poultry stock, as well as producing sizeable farm and orchard crops.

The Employment Bureau in its 32nd year, operating at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, located and filled 1222 positions. Its objective of "helping a brother to help himself" thus has been carried on in a highly satisfactory manner.

—F.J.K.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Waldron A. MacQuarrie.

Grand Master (elected)—M.W. Bro. George Geddes Wood.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. L. A. McDougall, Charlottetown.

Grand Representative for Alberta—R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Brady.

Present.

Grand Representative for Prince Edward Island in Alberta—

V.W. Bro. Perry Pratt (10).

Lodges: 15. Members: 1,188. Gain: 39.

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held in the City of Charlottetown on Wednesday, June 23rd, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Waldron A. MacQuarrie, presiding.

No less than thirteen Past Grand Masters were present. Our Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. Geo. R. Brady, answered the roll call of Grand Representatives.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened in Kensington on Saturday, June 5th, 1948, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the Grand Tyler, V.W. Bro. Robert S. Douglas.

The Grand Master granted five Dispensations during the year, four to permit Lodges to attend Divine Service wearing regalia and one to permit a Lodge to change its place of meeting. The Grand Master stresses the importance of Grand Representatives attending Grand Lodge regularly. Some this year forfeited their Commissions through their failure to attend Grand Lodge. The Grand Master visited officially all the Lodges in his Jurisdiction. One Lodge celebrated its 150th Anniversary as a chartered Lodge. The Grand Master attended both the Grand Master's Conference of North America, held in Washington, D.C., and the Eastern Canada Conference held in Amherst, Nova Scotia, and considers both Conferences of great benefit to Masonry. This Grand Lodge does not publish any Correspondence Review but the Committee of Foreign Correspondence reported that fraternal communication had been established with the Foreign Jurisdictions of Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway and recommended that fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the National Grand Lodge of Columbia at Barranquilla, South America, and the National Grand Lodge of Uruquay at Montevideo, South America, and the requests from the Grand Lodges of the State of Ceara, Brazil; Minas Gerais, Brazil, and Rio Grande Do-Sul, Brazil, be tabled. The Committee ends its report in the following beautiful lines:

"May freedom, harmony and love unite you in the great design
Beneath th' Omniscient eye above,
The Glorious Architect Divine,
That you may keep the unerring line,
Still rising by the plummet's law,
Till order bright completely shine."

—S.H.

QUEBEC

The 78th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on the 13th day of October, 1948. Most Worshipful Leslie H. Boyd, Grand Master, and Most Worshipful W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, R.W. Bro. C. W. Henry, was present.

Faith in the Great Architect of the Universe was expressed in the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", and loyalty to the King in "The National Anthem".

For two years M.W. Bro. Boyd has directed the destiny of Freemasonry in Quebec and we feel assured that during his administration the Order, of which we are justly proud, has been greatly benefitted. In his address he uses these words: "That until an understanding of the Almighty and His great works, and the great truths contained in the volume of the Sacred Law are realized, we as Masons, knowing the fundamental principles upon which our Order is based, brotherly love, relief and truth, realize that until these principles are in some way brought into practical use by the nations now facing each other in fear, perhaps hatred, and distrust, we cannot as democratic peoples hope for an early peace". In another paragraph he reiterates the warning of all Grand Masters whose addresses I have had the pleasure of reading: "Examine carefully through every channel, the Character, Background and Reputation of every applicant, so that he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice."

We mourn with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the loss by death of M.W. Bro. D. McLellan and M.W. Bro. J. A. McDonald.

Many dispensations were granted during the year and we also note that none were refused. We are also pleased to note and congratulate this Grand Jurisdiction on its realization of the necessity of Masonic Education and also on the formation of a Grand Lodge Library. From our reading we are sure that the appreciation of the whole Jurisdiction should be tendered to W. Bro. Simkin and the families of W. Bro. McLellan and Bro. Colin Clark for their contributions to this most necessary and worthy cause.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 16,213 members, which is a net increase of 529, with 98 Lodges. The reports of the various committees make very interesting reading, especially the report of the Committee on the State of Freemasonry.

Officers for 1949 elected and installed were M.W. Bro. Canon L. F. Crothers, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary.

—W.E.B.

QUEENSLAND

A Special Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland was held at the Masonic Temple, Brisbane, on the 23rd day of July, 1947.

Following the opening of Lodge, visitors from the Grand Lodge of South Australia and Tasmania were received and welcomed.

M.W. Bro. E. A. Jones, having been re-elected as Grand Master, was proclaimed in due form.

The Grand Master then addressed the Lodge, referring particularly to the increase in membership and the increase in the number of Lodges during the year. Five new Lodges had been consecrated and charters granted to three more, which would be consecrated in the near future.

The appointment of the Deputy Grand Master and the Assistant Grand Master was then announced and they were proclaimed, and the other officers were then proclaimed and invested.

Many Grand Lodges were represented at the meeting and the Grand Lodge of Alberta was represented by R.W. Bro. F. W. Buckingham, P.D.G.M.

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held in Brisbane on the following dates: September, 1947; December 3, 1947; March 3, 1948, and June 2, 1948.

At these meetings the financial reports, reports of Committees and of the Board of General Purposes, Board of Benevolence, Board of Management of Widows, Orphans, Aged Masons' Fund and reports of other Boards were received and dealt with and any other business coming before Grand Lodge.

At the meeting on June 2, 1948, M.W. Bro. Jones was again elected as Grand Master, this making his third successive year in that office.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on November 26, 1947, at which an illuminated and illustrated address was presented dealing with the 26 years' history of Grand Lodge. This was presented by R.W. Bro. G. M. Colledge, P.A.G.M.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Lodges: 45. U.D.: 1. Members: 16,153. Gain: 626.

The 157th Annual Communication was convened in Freemasons Hall, Providence, Monday, May 17th, A.L. 5948, at 10.00 o'clock a.m., with M.W. Acting Grand Master, Ernest L. Lockwood, presiding.

In his address, he has this to say in regard to the passing of Grand Master James B. Littleford: "On the afternoon of December 3rd, 1947, as lengthening shadows stole across the winter sky, the spirit of our Brother James B. Littleford returned to its Maker. Judge Littleford gave his best energy to inspiring men and women to think and act, each for himself. He pleaded for the rights of little children, for so-called criminals, for the weak, and all those who, having failed, needed friendship most. The Golden Rule was his rule of life. He believed in the ultimate triumph of the noblest qualities of man."

We sincerely sympathize with our brethren in the loss of their Grand Master. It is noted that they had 58 brethren qualifying for the 50-year medal.

Even with the war over we find that they conferred 61 courtesy degrees, and had 27 conferred for them.

D.G.M. Warren A. Sherman, of the First District, considered he had established a record in that he had held that office for nine years and in that time had installed Lodge officers on 52 occasions.

Bro. Winfield S. Solomon, P.G.M., and Master of Berlin Lodge U.D., reporting on his work has this to say: "Its membership now is approximately 100, which indicates a splendid future for a Lodge in Berlin." The officers and members are very anxious that a charter be granted and that they become a permanent Lodge under the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

Berlin, as most of you know, is the fourth largest city in the world, four times larger than Boston in area and population, and there is no doubt in the minds of many of our brethren that there will be a large headquarters in Berlin for many years to come.

The M.W. Grand Master, on expressing his pleasure at having so many distinguished guests present, called on M.W. Grand Master Dean Hill Stanley, of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, to speak for the group. He had this to say: "I can think of no more inspiring sight than to enter one of our great Grand Lodges and sit in the East and observe the great gathering of brethren who have in their hearts and minds but one wish to forward and exemplify in the world those great tenets; religious tenets indeed, as I have always maintained, for which we stand. I think, Most Worshipful, that today every Mason worthy of the name must realize that perhaps the time has come when the salvation of the world indeed depends upon whether or not we are going to be able to impress upon the world those principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, which will be the salvation of the world, in a time when it seems that the hand of every man is against his neighbor."

The Committee of Lodge Reports of Treasurer pointed out that 37 Lodges showed an operation expense of \$16,820, 12 more than their operating income they make the comment what is going to happen if this picture continues.

This Grand Lodge does not review the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.

—T.A.M.

NORTH DAKOTA - 1948

At the opening of the 59th Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, held at Grand Forks, June, 1948, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were presented and the gathering joined in the singing of the National Anthems—truly an inspiring gesture of brotherly love and friendship stretched across an imaginary Masonic boundary line. Grand Master Verne J. Wells presided.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were introduced and given cordial welcome by the Grand Master. The number of fifty years and over (about 12) Masons in attendance was the largest on record.

The Grand Master found the condition of the Craft in the Jurisdiction to be excellent. There were 118 Lodges under charter and one under dispensation. The membership was about 13,000. Continuing, the Grand Master said the real strength numbers in this or any other Jurisdiction is the character of the men that compose the membership. In making his official visitations he travelled 18,000 miles by auto, rail, bus and air, 13,000 of which were within the State.

The Grand Lodge is stressing the importance of Masons supporting any of the character-building agencies striving for the betterment of youth.

Among the recommendations made by the Grand Master was that each constituent Lodge, at some time during the year, hold a memorial service for its fraternal dead—a most worth-while suggestion.

A questionnaire to the different Lodges as to what was being done towards promoting peace and goodwill elicited in many cases brief and indifferent response. The comment was that "futility or helplessness will never lead to peace."

There is a highly interesting article included on the Influence of Masonry on the early history of North Dakota.

In 1948, a statistical report states there were 3,284,068 Masons in the United States and 203,259 in Canada.

The Grand Secretary reports a total membership of 12,939 in that Jurisdiction for 1948, a net gain of 813. He concludes his report with the following:

That Freemasonry is an institution with a background of centuries. It has left its imprint upon the life of a great nation. While its fundamental privileges are religious, it is not religion. Freemasonry is judged by the manner in which we as individuals exemplify it.

The Committee on Relief urges the necessity of every constituent Lodge building up a relief fund—there is no assurance, it says, that there will not be increasing demands for Masonic relief as the years go by.

M.W. Bro. William J. Hunter was elected Grand Master for 1949. Liberty Lodge at Enderlin celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the beautiful temple of Golden Valley Lodge at Park River was dedicated during the year.

The Grand Lodge has always been at the front of any movement in North Dakota that aims to improve the system of education, the Grand Master states, not only within the Craft but within the State.

The attendance at the District Meeting (25 in number) was very gratifying.

An Advisory Board has been constituted to meet with the Grand Master between sessions of the Grand Body.

SASKATCHEWAN

Grand Master—M.W. Brother Hector Mackay.

Grand Master (elected)—M.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson.

Grand Secretary—R.W. Robt. A. Tate, Regina.

Lodges: 201. Members: 15,467. Gain: 590.

Grand Representative for Alberta—W. Bro. A. A. Wilson, Absent.

Grand Representative for Saskatchewan in Alberta—

M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.

The Forty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Saskatoon on Wednesday, June 16th, 1948, with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hector Mackay, on the Throne.

A number of distinguished brethren were received, among them being our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Henry, and our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. M.W. Bro. Dr. Henry was honored in having conferred on him the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M.W. Bro. Moore having received this honor some years ago.

The address of the Grand Master is complete in every detail. He had a busy year. Among other duties, he constituted three new Lodges—Rose Valley, Meadow Lake and Northern Light. The usual Christmas message was sent to the Lodges. This is a very kindly and gracious act. The fifty-year gold buttons were presented. A number of Dispensations of a routine nature were issued, and the Grand Master suggested that officers of Lodges study the Constitution and approved Rulings. A very timely suggestion.

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan suffered the loss of two of their most beloved and stalwart Past Grand Masters in the persons of M.W. Bro. James McGregor and M.W. Bro. Nathaniel B. Williams. We revere the memory of these distinguished departed brethren who were well known to us in Alberta.

Saskatchewan devotes considerable thought and energy to "Freemasonry and Youth" and is making a valuable contribution to the youth of our country.

The Credentials Committee reported the attendance at Grand Lodge to be considerably lower than last year. This year 334 accredited representatives carried a total vote of 587. Charters were granted to two Lodges—Aberdeen and Arbor Field. One Lodge, Rosthern Lodge No. 22, surrendered its charter and amalgamated with Duck Lake Lodge No. 13. The Proceedings contain several excellent Masonic papers by well known brethren. I recommend these to all readers.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Reviews of other Grand Lodge Proceedings are again submitted by the eminent M.W. Bro. Mr. Justice W. M. Martin. His excellent report and reviews cover things of interest throughout the Masonic world. He reviews matters which are of interest to every member of the Craft and matters which every member should know. He

gives Alberta a very complete and concise review and your reviewer appreciates the very kindly references to him. Yes, W. M., I still have a kindly feeling in my heart for Wascana and your good self.

The M.W. Grand Master concludes his address with the following timely verse:

"Rise up, O men of God,
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God,
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Brotherhood,
And end the night of wrong."

—S.H.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway, L.L., J.P. Grand Secretary—R.W. Bro. Alexander F. Buchan, M.B.E., B.Sc., Ph.D.

At the Quarterly Communication held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 5th day of February, 1948, owing to the illness of the late Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. King Gillies, M.A., I.L.D., R.W. Bro. D. Buchan was elected and installed as Grand Secretary.

The Committee of Laws and Rulings had received and considered a letter from a member of the Craft who was compiling a book to be used as a Ritual, which he intended to publish, and requesting permission to add thereto the Schedule of Questions. The ruling of the committee recommended that the permission desired should not be granted. The committee, in making its ruling, pointed out that Grand Lodge does not recognize any books, papers or other writings purported to relate to the ceremonies or practices of Scottish Freemasonry, except such as may be published by the Grand Secretary under the authority of Grand Lodge. The foregoing is a very important ruling and of interest to us.

At the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, the 6th day of May, 1948, the Grand Secretary reported that a Loyal Address had been submitted to Their Majesties and that an acknowledgement had been received from them. He further reported the purchase of a present consisting of a silver tea service and an antique tortoise-shell casket containing two tea-caddies and sugar bowl wrought in silver.

A full report of the occasion of the presentation is given in the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, the 5th day of August, 1948.

At this Communication a very interesting report is given of the welcome given to distinguished visitors with replies from Bro. Sir

Ivan Hope Launton, K.C., Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, and Bro Bartholomew on his return from Palestine reporting on the condition of Freemasonry there. There is much of Masonic interest in these replies.

R.W. Bro. Brigadier-General W. H. V. Darell C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Assistant Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was a visitor at the Quarterly Communication held Thursday, the 4th of November, 1948, and was warmly welcomed by the M.W. Grand Master Mason.

Much of interest is reported in the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held Tuesday, the 30th November, 1948, which will amply repay a study by the Brethren of the Craft.

—J.M.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1948

M.W. Bro. The Hon. Mr. Justice Ligertwood, B.A., LL.B.

R.W. Bro. F. J. Ellen, P.G.W., Grand Secretary.

167 Lodges, 18,436 members, gain 1,250.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following recommendation to be presented at the half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge:

"Recommendation: That this Conference re-affirm the resolution of the 1925 Second Australian Masonic Conference with respect to the limitation of candidates which reads as follows: 'That it is not desirable that Lodges become so large in number as to imperil fraternal fellowship'."

The report was adopted at the half-yearly meeting held at Adelaide, October 15, 1947, and was given mention by the M.W. the Grand Master in his address.

Another item in the report of the Board of General Purposes for presentation at the half-yearly meeting is the reference to additional Masonic Scholarships, of which there now appear to be six. The report continues:

"It is the desire of the Board to allot the new scholarships in time for the reopening of educational facilities in the new year, and Lodges will be circularized in due course.

"The scholarships shall be allotted to children between the ages of 10 and 18 years, inclusive, and, as a general principle, shall be awarded for the education of necessitous, not necessarily brilliant pupils. Due regard shall be had to the character of the student, intellectual merit and general suitability."

The foregoing may be of interest to those who have had in mind establishment in this Jurisdiction of some means of aiding the youth of the Province in need of help towards the beginning of a more useful life.

At the annual meeting on April 21, 1948, M.W. Bro. Ligerwood was re-elected to the office of Grand Master. The closing remarks of his address contain the following exhortation to the Brethren:

"Brethren, at the commencement of another year in the work of the Grand Lodge, I cannot but help feeling the inspiration of this great gathering of Freemasons. You are assembled here as rulers of the Craft. I want you to feel your responsibility for the maintenance of the principles which form the basis of our Masonic influence upon the life of the community. May I exhort you to continued efforts, not only in the interests of the Craft but for the welfare of all mankind. We must pursue the Masonic virtues with all our strength. We must put into force the great teachings which we purport to derive from the contemplation of the structure of the Lodge and the use of our working tools. In particular we must preserve the conception of individual responsibility, derived from the infinite wisdom of the G.A.O.T.U. I exhort you to do your part in preserving family life and maintaining the high standard of honour and morality which this great Order demands."

The Proceedings of this Jurisdiction again receive kindly mention.

—F.J.K.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Ten Special Communications were held. Five to consecrate, dedicate and constitute, five Lodges; four to dedicate four Lodge Halls and one to attend the Annual Religious Service held in the ballroom of the Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, on March 10th, 1948. Sermon by the Grand Chaplain.

The two hundred and eleventh Annual Communication convened immediately following the Religious Service. M.W. Bro. A. J. M. Wannamaker presiding.

Bro. F. C. Owens, Mayor of the City of Columbia, welcomed the members and visitors. Bro. J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, was also present and extended greetings.

The Grand Master in his address stated his objective had been accomplished, "To serve Freemasonry with a maximum of energy and enthusiasm." The Grand Master mailed a personal letter to each newly raised Mason in his jurisdiction. Thirty Fraternal Organizations were represented at a meeting to honour Jimmie Byrnes, a distinguished lawyer, diplomat, member of the House of Representatives, Senator, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and former Secretary of State. 2000 Freemasons, two Senators and four ex-Governors of South Carolina, were present. The Fourteenth Masonic District held its Eighth Annual District Meeting in the Abandoned Wing's Rock Quarry. There were over four thousand Masons present. The Grand Master attended the 100th anniversary of Hiram Lodge, the Lodge called off its banquet and contributed \$500.00 in lieu thereof to the equipping of the Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital Annex at Greenville. He also attended the 38th anniversary

of Brandon Lodge when approximately \$1,155.00 was donated to the same Hospital Fund. The Grand Master in his address recommended that the Grand Lodge continue to reach its objective of \$50,000 to the Building Fund of this Hospital, \$40,709.10 being on hand at present, the estimated cost of the annex is \$74,000.00. When the objective is reached, certain friends have indicated the difference would be secured. The Grand Master recommended that legislation be adopted to have the subordinate Lodges charge its members minimum dues of \$6.00 per annum. The Grand Master suggested the Grand Lodge adopt legislation to provide funds for the erection of a Memorial Masonic Temple to cost in excess of \$600,000.00, also for the erection of a building to house the Library and Museum. That an appropriate lapel button be prepared for presentation to Master Masons who have served faithfully for twenty-five years.

The Grand Master closes his splendid address with the words:
 "Beautiful Life is that whose Span,
 Is spent in Duty to GOD and Man."

The membership statistics show 367 lodges and four under dispensation, a total membership of 36,222, an increase of 2,758 over 1946.

Alberta was not represented in the annual reviews.

James F. Risher, Bamberg, Grand Master.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Communication will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, 1949, at a place to be designated by the Grand Master.

—A.W.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Members 17,387; Lodges 168; net gain 773.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of South Dakota was held in the Masonic Temple at Mitchell on Tuesday, June 8th. Ralph R. Twamley, Grand Master, presiding.

I note in the list of visits by the Grand Master one to Bro. Byron J. Cochrane at his home to help him celebrate his 99th birthday. He is South Dakota's oldest Mason and the third oldest in the United States.

He has been honored by receiving the 50, 60 and 70 year medals. In the Grand Master's recommendations to the Grand Lodge I noticed two that I thought would be worth passing along. That the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee for the purpose of organizing a Secretaries Association, under the leadership of the Grand Secretary.

The other that the Grand Lodge furnish tickets for the annual banquet to all delegates to the Grand Lodge at the time of registration. (The free dinner might be one way of getting all Lodges represented).

Bro. David Graham gives quite a lengthy report as Foreign Correspondent. They do not review the individual Grand Lodges.

In his comment of one reviewer who reported to his Grand Lodge that the Foreign Correspondent of South Dakota is evidently not a Past Grand Master. He thought it a curious remark to make for no apparent reason, but that it gave him the opportunity to say something about our situation in South Dakota. "We are a very democratic jurisdiction. We have sixteen committees with a total membership of fifty-one. Out of that number of committeemen only seven are Past Grand Masters. Three of the seven are members of the Jurisprudence Committee and another three are Grand Trustees, leaving one lonely Grand Master on the Committee on Masonic Service Association. Our Grand Treasurer is not a Past Grand Master, neither is our Grand Secretary.

"A Past Grand Master can serve his Grand Lodge very well indeed by his vigilance while sitting quietly by and listening to what is going on. His voice will always be listened to with respect for he is one of the elder statesmen of the Craft and his influence cannot be measured by committee appointments or other offices held."

I think that South Dakota must be unique in this respect. W. Bro. R. F. Patterson, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge and Dean of the University of South Dakota School of Business, was the guest speaker at the banquet. He spoke of juvenile delinquency and that it is actually adult delinquency. He said "we have the finest group of young people that the country ever had," and cited the boys' state and girls' state and 4-H groups as examples of the nations' youth.

Bro. Patterson called for the separation of the church and state in education, stating that the United States Supreme Court had redrawn the line between church and state in education with its March drive on religious education and public schools. In conclusion, he said, "whenever our religious zeal reaches out into the government or education it is in direct opposition to the principles upon which the country was founded."

M.W. Bro. Albion C. Ayres was installed Grand Master for 1948-1949. —T.A.M.

TASMANIA

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was held at the Town Hall, Hobart, on February 28th, 1948.

The Lodge was opened in ample form by the Grand Master and his Officers. Representatives of 45 Lodges were in attendance.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was submitted and it particularly noted the expansion of the Craft as evidenced by the consecration of four new Lodges and it also referred to the satisfactory financial position of the Lodge.

The report of the Board of Benevolence showed that 1,425 pounds had been expended for the assistance of Masons in distressed circumstances, widows and children.

Following the disposition of other business which included amendments to the Constitution, the Grand Master addressed the Lodge,

giving a very complete resume of the activities of Grand Lodge during his term of office.

The Grand Master-elect and other Officers were installed and invested in due form following which the new Grand Master addressed the Lodge.

Many Grand Lodges were represented at the meeting and the representative of Alberta Grand Lodge was R.W. Bro. A. H. Weedon, F.G.M.

The Grand Lodge held its regular half-yearly Communication at Hobart on August 28, 1948, at which the reports of Boards and Committee were received and dealt with and new regulations to be added to the Book of Constitution were approved. Following the business, the Grand Master addressed the Lodge dealing with the activities of the Grand Lodge during the half-yearly period.

A special Communication was held on September 27, 1948, for the purpose of confirming the regulations passed at the half-year meeting. No other business came before the Lodge at this meeting.

TENNESSEE—1948

The 13th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, A.F. & A.M., was held in the Grand Lodge Building, Nashville, on January 28th, 1948.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John Calvin Crawford, presided, and gave an interesting report regarding his year of office.

There were a number of distinguished visitors including the Grand Masters of the following Grand Lodges: Georgia, Indiana, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Virginia.

Alberta's representative, Bro. Luther E. Davis, was present.

Dispensations were issued for new Lodges at Frayser and Palmyra, during 1947. Charters were granted to these Lodges at this Communication, and a dispensation issued for a new Lodge in Shelby County.

The Grand Master was asked to make a ruling as to which Lodge had exclusive jurisdiction over a candidate who had been rejected by two or more Lodges prior to the 1947 amendment covering rejected petitioners. He ruled that the last Lodge which had rejected such a petitioner retained exclusive jurisdiction over him.

A ruling was asked as to the legality of a plan for raising money for a new Lodge Hall, whereby tickets for admission to a picnic and carnival sponsored by the Lodge would also represent chances on a valuable prize. The Grand Master ruled that such a plan constituted a lottery, and was not permissible under their law.

Recognition of the following Grand Lodges was recommended by the Committee on Correspondence, and adopted: Colombia, Barranquilla; Comlumbia, Bagota; Bolivia; Ecuador; Argentina; Brazil, Sao Paulo.

There were a number of photographs in the Proceedings, including one of Bro. Moses Lafayette Glover, who had served his Lodge continuously as Secretary since 1901. A wonderful record. He is thought to be one of the oldest Lodge Secretaries in the United States.

There was also a photo of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1948. We are very pleased to have this opportunity of seeing this interesting photograph.

Other photos in the Proceedings, of interest, were: Seven Brothers and a Nephew, all members of one Lodge. Another of a father and seven sons, all Masons and all but one members of the same Lodge. And another of a father and six sons, all Past Masters of the same Lodge.

An historical address entitled "Andrew Jackson and Freemasonry" was presented by Bro. Paul DeWitt, M.D. It deals with that period when anti-Masonry flourished in the United States, and is of especial interest. It goes very thoroughly into the history of those trying times, and we are sorry we have not space to publish it in full.

We have always enjoyed reading the reviews of R.W. Bro. W. P. Douglas, and we want to congratulate him on those appearing in the 1948 Proceedings. There is a review of every Grand Lodge in the United States and Australasia, and all but one of Canada. Also England, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Phillipine Islands and Tam-a-ulipas (Mexico). There are also reviews of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America; Conference of Grand Secretaries, and George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. In his "Foreword" he says:

"We have had the privilege and now offer the reader the same opportunity to visit our Brethren in 68 Grand Lodges throughout the world, etc. . . . The journey has been at times exciting, sometimes alarming, and at other times amusing, but always interesting."

We also have found your reviews most interesting, R.W. Sir, and wonder how you accomplished so much. We thank you for an excellent review of Alberta.

Number of Lodges 377. Membership 57,274. Gain 5,030.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Anderson Lacy Price.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Thomas Earl Doss.

—W.A.B.

TENNESSEE—1949

The one hundred and thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F. & A.M. was held at Nashville on January 26th, 1949.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Anderson Lacy Price, presided. He stated in his address that the membership of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was the highest in its history, a total of 61,252. He was honoured by a special meeting of his own Lodge, which on the

same date celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, and was attended by two thousand Masons. A photo of part of this crowd of 2,000 Masons and their ladies, is shown in the Grand Lodge Proceedings.

A dispensation was issued for a new Lodge at Dover.

The Grand Master suspended the Charter of a Lodge, which he said was in an unhealthy condition.

Alberta's Representative, Bro. Luther E. Davis, was present at this Grand Lodge Communication.

The following Grand Lodges received recognition: Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Minas Geraes, Brazil; Peru; Hungary.

There were a number of photos in the Grand Lodge Proceedings, including one of a father and eight sons, all members of one Tennessee Lodge; one of a brother who had served his Lodge as Secretary since 1906, and also a photo of the Grand Lodge Officers for 1949.

The Welfare Committee did not approve of the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts regarding Negro Freemasonry. The report reads, in part:

"At a regular quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held March 12th, 1947, such Grand Lodge approved, accepted and unanimously adopted a fact-finding report by a committee of six Past Grand Masters, appointed by the Grand Master, to report on the subject of Negro Freemasonry in Massachusetts, in which they reported that, 'Your committee finds that according to the then prevailing Masonic Law and customs the origin, early procedures and subsequent developments of the so-called Prince Hall (Negro) Freemasonry in this commonwealth (Massachusetts) have been and are regular and legitimate. Also that the Negro Masons of Massachusetts for 170 years' have been functioning in Massachusetts in good faith and with the justifiable belief that their origin and procedure were as regular and legitimate as we have thought ours to be', that 'the original charter of African Lodge No. 459 was granted by authority of H.R.H. Duke of Cumberland, Grand Master of our own Mother Grand Lodge of England, dated September 29th, 1784, appointing Prince Hall (a Negro resident of Boston) to be its Master; that 'Your committee believes that in view of the existing social conditions in our country it is advisable for the official and organized activities of white and colored Freemasons to proceed in parallel lines, but organically separate and without mutually embarrassing demands or commitments and that within these limitations, informed co-operation and mutual helpfulness between the two groups upon appropriate occasions are desirable.'"

Since then several other Grand Lodges have gone on record (and so informed the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts) that although the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts did not specifically vote what is Masonically termed recognition, yet what said Grand Lodge did vote amounts to the same thing, regardless of what name it is called.

Part of the report of the said committee which the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts adopted said, "Assuming that our Grand Lodge has

rightfully had and now has exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over Massachusetts, then we certainly have the right to allow another Grand Lodge to share that jurisdiction to such extent as we see fit," which in our opinion, is virtually recognition.

Our law states that "The Grand Lodge of Tennessee controls as the supreme authority, the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry in the State of Tennessee. It possesses and exercises original, sole and exclusive control over all matters of Masonic legislation within its jurisdiction."

It appears that originally the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had similar regulations, to which they do not now adhere.

We very much regret that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has taken this action, and we entirely disapprove it. We reiterate that item in our law which says, "All associations of Negroes, organized in the State of Tennessee, claiming to be Free and Accepted Masons, are without legal Masonic authority and are spurious, illegal and clandestine."

This report of the Welfare Committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

R.W. Bro. W. P. Douglas again submitted an interesting report on Fraternal Correspondence. It includes 66 other Grand Lodge Proceedings, the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. There is an excellent review of Alberta, which we greatly appreciate. In his "Foreword" he says, "The broad subject of Masonic Education leads all other topics discussed by Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Committees. It is the universal belief, that if the newly raised Masons can be imbued with the desire for more light, in the fullest sense of the term, they will become real Masons in mind and heart, filled with a deep and lasting devotion to the Fraternity. Many Grand Lodges are making the mistake, in our opinion, of trying to legislate this desire into the candidate rather than to inspire him to seek it."

Number of Lodges 376. Membership 61,252. Gain 3,978.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. L. C. Connell.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. Thomas Earl Doss.

—W.A.B.

UTAH

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Communication convened in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, Monday, January 26th, 1948, at 10.00 a.m. M.W. Bro. Harold Cline presiding.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form. The Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshall, Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

The United States Flag was presented at the Altar by the Grand Standard Bearer, and the Brethren joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

The Rules of Order were read by W. Bro. A. E. Smith, P.G.M.

Nineteen Past Grand Masters were present, including P.G.M. R. L. Conely of 1904.

Eight distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions were presented.

The Grand Master in his address stated that the membership was the highest in the history of Utah, namely 5478, a net gain of 215.

The Grand Master visited each of the 28 Lodges. Several joint meetings were held. The Grand Master ruled that a petitioner was ineligible, who is at the time a proprietor of, or a vendor in any establishment the principal business of which is the sale of malt or spiritous liquors as a beverage, even if he is the manager of a state-controlled liquor store.

The Grand Master attended the meetings of the Grand Masters' Conference, and the Masonic Service Association and the George Washington National Memorial Association, held in Washington, D.C. At the Masonic Service Association he presented a cheque for \$500.00 to be used for the hospital visitation program. He also recommended that a further sum of \$500.00 be sent to the Masonic Service Association. At the Grand Masters' Conference all but one of the Grand Masters in the United States were in attendance and he was represented. Seven of the nine Grand Masters from the Canadian jurisdictions, as well as the Grand Masters of Puerto Rico and Chile were present.

Thirty-four Grand Representatives were present. Alberta was represented by M.W. Bro. A. E. Eberhardt.

The Board of Custodians ruled that the use of gloves as part of the dress at Masonic Funerals be discontinued, that the Bible, when opened at the Altar during Lodge meetings, may be opened at random and not at designated passages.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations was presented and after consideration by Grand Lodge the following was approved:

"Grand Lodge National, Orient of Italy, and the Colombia Grand Lodge of Barrabquilla."

Lodge applications from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, the Grand Lodge of Minas Geraes of Brazil was referred to the Grand Master with power to act.

Ortis Clifford Skaife, Salt Lake City, M.W. Grand Master.

Emery Roy Gibson, P.G.M., Salt Lake City, R.T. Grand Secretary.

The seventy-seventh Annual Communication will be held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on January 24 and 25, 1949.

—A.W.

VERMONT

The 155th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was held at Burlington, June 9th and 10th, 1948.

We were again very pleased to see that Alberta's representative, Bro. Charles Stanley Jones, was present.

The M.W. Grand Master, J. Harold Stacey, who has completed two full years as Grand Master, presents a businesslike report, which indicates an able administration. The year shows a net gain of 474 in membership. Not as large as a year ago, when the net gain was 677. But a very substantial increase. The Grand Master makes the following wise comment: "Success cannot be measured by increased membership. If Freemasonry is successful, its membership must practice the tenets of this time-honored institution in their everyday living, unless we, as Masons, are doing our part in making the world a better place in which to live, then we cannot justify our existence and we may as well shut our doors and admit failure."

It is indeed pleasing to note that the ranks of the Grand Lodge remained unbroken since they last assembled and no Past Grand Lodge Officer has been called to the Grand Lodge above. However, many of the subordinate Lodges lost many of their loved and honored members and we extend our sympathies to the Vermont Brethren on the loss sustained.

The Grand Master makes special mention of an occasion where a degree team composed of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from the Province of Ontario, Canada, visited Vermont Lodge No. 18 at Windsor. The Third Degree was exemplified by this group in a very colorful and precision like manner. And what started out to be a unique Masonic meeting, proved to be the largest gathering of Masons ever held in the Grand Jurisdiction, with an estimated 2,600 in attendance.

During the year the Grand Master attended the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington. This was the largest conference held so far and the Vermont Masons were signally honoured in having their Grand Master elected to the position of Chairman of the Conference. Thought to be the first time a Vermont Mason served in this capacity.

At the Grand Masters' Conference a resolution was unanimously adopted, stating the attitude of Masonry toward Communism. The Grand Master therefore recommended that Grand Lodge adopt the following resolution at its present session.

"Masonry abhors Communism as being repugnant to its conception of the dignity of the individual personally, destructive of the basic human rights which are the Divine heritage of all men and inimical to the fundamental Masonic tenets of faith in God."

A very interesting report was submitted by the Grand Historian, on relationship between modern Freemasonry, Operative Masonry and the Craft Guilds of the middle ages.

More light in Masonry is what we all pray for and seek.

—C.T.R.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA (1947)

M.W. Bro. R. A. Rowe—Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P.D.G.M.—Grand Secretary.

602 Lodges. 73,025 members. Net gain 5,241.

In his address following installation as Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication held at Melbourne, 19th March, 1947, M.W. Bro. Rowe said in part:

"Men and communities (and Freemasonry is no exception) keep alive and vigorous on the memory of a great past, and the hope and intention of a great future. The present is merely a bridge between the experience of yesterday, and the faith and intentions of tomorrow.

"What, then, of tomorrow? It is not sufficient that we should boast of our glorious past. We must be worthy of the noble traditions handed down to us, and in our turn, so live and so act, that those who come after us may benefit."

That some of the practical needs of the present are not being overlooked, as well as the spiritual, is amply demonstrated by the reports of contributions in money and services to the works of benevolence. What seems worthy of comment in this regard is the assistance rendered by the Ladies' Auxiliaries and the donation of £1,000 by the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to the fund for Food for Britain appeal, to be incorporated with donations by the Grand Lodge for the same purpose.

The reference to our 1947 Proceedings by R.W. Bro. H. S. Smith, P.S.G.W., is interesting, and particularly his comment on the institution of the new Lodge at Yellowknife, N.W.T., and his curiosity as to the origin of that name. According to the traditions of the district the name owes its origin to the color of the hunting knives or weapons used by certain of the Dogrib and Yellowknife tribes of Indians indigenous to the territory around and north of Great Slave Lake. These weapons, as well as a variety of utensils, etc., are fashioned by the Eskimos living far to the north along the fringe of the Arctic Sea, from native copper. Samuel Hearne, among the earliest of the white men to explore the Arctic Regions (1769-1772), is credited with being the discoverer of the copper deposit on what is now known as the Coppermine River that empties into the Arctic at Coronation Gulf. The name Yellowknife is also applied to the river which flows into Great Slave Lake, at which point the town, subject of these remarks, is situated.

—F.J.K.

VIRGINIA

The 170th Annual Communication convened in the Masonic Temple, City of Richmond, on February 10th, 1948, Most Wor. Bro. Harold R. Stephenson presiding.

Alberta Representative was not present.

The Grand Master's address was very instructive. The Grand Master made very many official visits during his term of office.

The objectives of the program of activity for the year were:

- 1—A strict adherence to the Masonic Ritual as taught and practiced by the committee on work of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.
- 2—Further development of Educational program.
- 3—The establishment of a speakers' bureau to furnish speakers for Masonic occasions.
- 4—To establish closer contact between Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges through Grand Lodge bulletins.
- 5—To raise a minimum of \$100,000.00 for the Endowment Fund of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

Sixty dispensations were granted during the year and four refused. One of the dispensations refused, "to lay cornerstone on a Sunday."

Fifty-one reports were received from District Deputy Grand Masters.

The newly-elected Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Charles E. Webber, addressed the meeting and made the following recommendations:

- 1—A closer fellowship among ourselves to promote goodwill and brotherly love.
- 2—A greater interest in and understanding of the workings of our Grand Lodge.
- 3—Loyal support of our churches and a higher appreciation of spiritual values.
- 4—Devotion to home and family.
- 5—The appointment of a carefully selected committee to bring back into our membership worthy men who have been dropped from our rolls by the way of demits or through the non-payment of dues.

From the Grand Master's address, "The world yearns for peace, but peace shall not come to this worn, torn world until the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall become a reality. Freemasonry possesses in its great truths and philosophy the way to a true and lasting peace, for it teaches love of God and fellowman. We must continue in the faith, for it is the way of peace."

Number of Lodges 325. Membership 51,623. Gain 2,853.

Grand Master—Most Wor. Bro. Charles E. Webber.

Grand Secretary—Most Wor. Bro. James N. Hillman.

—S.F.T.

REPORT OF GRAND LODGE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (1948)

M.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye—Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. F. W. M. Sanders, P.S.G.W.—Grand Secretary.

230 Lodges. 15,275 Members. Net gain 1,117.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia from May, 1947, to May, 1948, is a very voluminous book of 340 pages followed by four of index. There is evidence in the volume of district progress during the year, 28 new Lodges being organized, and the reasonably large addition in membership clearly establishes it.

This Grand Lodge has Quarterly Meetings. The end of the year is in May; the first quarter is held in August; the second, November; the third, February, at which nominations are received for the position of Grand Master for the year which will close later. At this Meeting M.W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye was the sole nominee and was accordingly declared elected for the following year, and at the close of the year then in progress he will have filled the chair of the Grand Master for twelve successive years.

During this year, in addition, a special Grand Lodge Meeting was held on the 12th day of April, 1948. This was for the special purpose of honoring the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on the 50th Anniversary of his initiation into Freemasonry. In the opening address to the M.W. the Grand Master by M.W. Bro. J. A. Klein, P.G.M., he opened with the following:

"Grand Lodge Officers always consider it a privilege and honor to address large gatherings of Freemasons at installations or on other special occasions because they are addressing men who belong to an institution world-wide in its scope, ageless in its philosophy, ceaseless in its activities in ministering to the needy, also for the purpose of spreading understanding among men, the one institution in the world which carries to humanity, regardless of country, race or creed the great message of 'Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all men.'

"Your M.W. Grand Master, firm in his belief that individual integrity is the only dependable foundation on which to erect an enduring social order, he urged for a re-consecration and re-dedication of Masonry and a faithful practice of its tenets in everyday life. He has been insistent in those addresses of his delivered with never a strained meaning, with no jarring note to mar their attractions, never an excursion into the realms of fancy, but always with a delicate sense of the beauties of expression he has urged us to put forth our best efforts to remove the sore spots of the world, to make life a little more abundant and a little less inclined to anti-social tendencies, and a little more inclined to bring about the consummation of Masonry's ideal, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

In the Proceedings in May the M.W. the Grand Master appointed various officers for the year 1948 and 1949 and some of them are as follows:

Deputy Grand Master—R.W. Bro. J. L. Ellis.

Senior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. H. V. Marr.

Junior Grand Warden—R.W. Bro. J. C. Bennett.

and all the remaining officers who are to undertake the guidance of the Grand Lodge for the year 1948-49. This is considerably different

from the practice of the election of officers as carried out in Alberta.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia gives very definite attention to a fund known as the "W.A. Widows', Orphans' and Aged Freemasons' Fund." The 42nd Annual Report is recorded in this volume showing in detail the progress of the fund from 1907 to 1948. During that period receipts amounted to £102,644 from members, £77,548 from interest and sundries—total £180,192. Disbursements during this period in grants, £98,338; and balance on hand, £81,854.

—W.D.S.

WASHINGTON—1947

The Ninetieth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the State of Washington was convened in the Masonic Temple, Tacoma, on Tuesday, the 17th day of June, 1947, with M.W. Bro. Gustav H. Schultz, Grand Master, presiding.

The Proceedings were graced by the presence of M.W. Bro. G. Haven Stephens, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as representing the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. John R. Moore, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California; also Bro. Otto Schultz, a brother of the reigning Grand Master.

After the usual preliminaries of opening Grand Lodge the Grand Master presented his address which to a considerable extent is a record of his official acts and visitations from which we observe he was an exceedingly busy man during his term of office.

We note, with pleasure, his reference to his visit to the Banff conference, and thank him for his kind remarks.

Under the title of "Observation" he makes some timely statements which could well be taken to heart. The rushing of candidates through the degrees making "lapel button Masons". The "lost battalion" or the 85% of membership who maintain their connection with Masonry by paying their dues but never attend Lodge. He suggests a special night, close to mothers day, when all brethren who are not in the habit of attending Lodge be specially invited and an endeavour made to bring them back into the fold.

As a suggestion he recommends some central location where a home for Grand Lodge might be erected that would not only house the Grand Secretary but also provide library and museum facilities, and to this end he proposes that an assessment of \$1.00 per year on each member be made in order to provide funds for such a building, which was approved by the Committee.

The report of the Grand Secretary is very complete showing a considerable increase in members of 4,163. Dispensations were issued for the establishment of two Lodges.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence recommended that the application of the Grand Lodge of Bolivia for fraternal recognition be granted.

We are pleased to note that when the Grand Representatives

were received that the representative for Alberta, M.W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, was able to present our greetings. Our recollection was that in the previous Grand Lodge Session he was seriously ill and trust that he has fully recovered.

The Grand Historian delivered a very excellent report entitled "Some History Guide Posts and Boundaries Re-Examined," which was exceedingly interesting to the Masonic student but space prevents us from elaborating further on the theme.

The Review of the Proceedings of Grand Lodges is from the pen of M.W. Bro. Loomis Baldrey who gives Alberta a very sympathetic review of 1946 making particular reference to the service in the All Saints Cathedral at Edmonton and the address of Bro. Bishop Sovereign. —W.I.

Stewart E. Perry, Grand Master, Puyallup.

John I. Preissner, Grand Secretary, Tacoma.

WISCONSIN

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Milwaukee, June 8th, 1948, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Van Dyke Parker, presiding.

The Grand Master, in his Report, gives a very comprehensive account of his many activities during the year. Among his Orders we note, "seven were for failure of a lodge to attend the required school of instruction." In each case an order was issued for a special school of instruction to be held in their lodge under direction of the Grand Lecturer and conducted by one of his proficiency men at the expense of the lodge. Apparently it is compulsory to have these schools of instruction from time to time. In Alberta most lodges take a great pride in doing their work and conducting the meetings with the dignity expected of Freemasons, and we have no doubt the majority of them do so in Wisconsin.

Referring to the Wisconsin Masonic Home Farm, he stated that over the past twenty years this farm has operated at a loss of over \$52,000, although during the last eight years six of them recorded a profit. In view of the expense to Grand Lodge, he recommended the farm be leased on shares during the next leasing season and that a further study be made of this property, and if deemed advisable and legally permissible the same be sold. Later in the session, when a resolution to this effect was referred to the Committee on Distribution and the Jurisprudence Committee, it was decided to refer the matter to "the incoming Grand Master with power to employ counsel to study the legal aspects of sale or lease of said property."

In his paragraph "State of the Craft" the Grand Master urged all lodges to charge sufficient dues to enable them, "to put aside some funds for an emergency to take care of charitable cases that may come up in the future." He also remarked on the need for more lodges, "particularly in our larger centres where lodges have grown beyond one thousand in membership." This need is not peculiar to Wisconsin! We have a similar problem in Alberta.

The Report of Interim Committee to study waiting period before petitioning for degrees in appendant bodies states the Masonic Code of Wisconsin reads, "The Grand Lodge as an Organization does not recognize any higher order in Masonry and has no official knowledge of any Masonic degrees beyond that of Master Mason." "This provision in our Code bars consideration of any resolution pertaining to degrees in appendant bodies."

M.W. Bro. W. E. Schubert, P.G.M., in a report of the Committee to "Investigate and Study All Charitable Activities of This Grand Lodge", shows clearly the difficulty in coming to any quick decision or recommendation on this subject—due in a great measure to the present trend of governments to legislate for social security, old age pensions, etc.

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. F. Weiler, in his report, shows during the past year one hundred and twenty brethren had received certificates for fifty years membership in the Craft. In his conclusion he quotes a definition of Masonry written by an unknown author: "Thus, in a world of greed and force Freemasonry teaches self-restraint and reason. In a world permeated with the spirit of selfish rivalry, it teaches universal brotherhood." "In a changing and superficial world it points to the eternal and fundamental principles that have emerged unchanged from every transition era, even as the eternal mountains emerge from the drifting clouds that temporarily obscure them. It aids and comforts and reassures and inspires individuals. It leaps the barriers of race and space to draw together the finest aspirations of all men and unite them in a universal brotherhood."

M.W. Bro. R. O. Jaspersen, P.G.M., the Foreign Correspondent, as usual, has a very thoughtful Foreword. He mentions particularly the necessity for more care in keeping the dignity of the Craft on a high plane and to refrain from publicity—such as wearing regalia in public, parading Masonic titles in newspapers, etc.—views with which your reviewer heartily concurs. He has many splendid reviews on various other Grand Lodges. Alberta is not among them.

The Alberta Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is R.W. Bro. A. D. Currie, Brooks.

Number of Lodges, 305. Members, 58,325. Net gain, 1,956.

Grand Master—M.W. Bro. Norman H. Smith.

Grand Secretary—M.W. Bro. W. F. Weiler, P.G.M.

—M.J.B.

WYOMING—1948

The seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was held in the City of Cheyenne, on the 23rd of August, 1948, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother James R. Mitchell, presiding.

The Lodge being opened in ample form, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

An inspiring address was delivered by Bro. and Governor Lester C. Hunt in welcoming the Grand Lodge to Cheyenne.

The distinguished guests presented a large array, representing nine U.S. Grand Lodges and a visitor from the Netherlands, included among the nineteen we notice two of their neighbouring Grand Masters. There were also representatives from other bodies, in the persons of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming; the Deputy of the A. & A.S.R. for the Southern Jurisdiction and the Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star; these various representatives also being officers of the Grand Lodge, and one of them a Past Grand Master.

There were twenty Past Grand Masters of Wyoming present.

47 of the 50 Lodges were represented. Membership now numbers 10,480 being a net gain of 398.

The Grand Master in his address and report called attention to their loss by death of two Past Grand Masters.

We notice that all the by-laws amended and approved show the trend of the times, being for increases in the amounts granted the Secretaries for their services—increased dues—increased initiation fees.

The Grand Master refers to his visit to the Banff Conference, also to several other U.S. Grand Jurisdictions; he also visited each of the subordinate Lodges in his own Jurisdiction; these visitations alone give us assurance that he had a busy year.

In the matter of education they are endeavouring to form a plan that will give sustained development and establish a permanent set-up, but as this required an expenditure of over \$2,000.00 for the present year, and will require an annual expenditure to maintain, it failed of adoption at this session.

Recognition was given to three Grand Jurisdictions in Brazil and one in Italy.

An interesting case came before the Jurisprudence Committee. A Brother of Wyoming was suspended by another Jurisdiction in which he was residing, for an act which whilst a Masonic offence in the Jurisdiction suspending him, was not a Masonic offence in the Jurisdiction of Wyoming of which he was a member. According to the sentence, suspension was from membership in his own Lodge. The Jurisprudence committee ruled, correctly we believe, that suspension under such circumstances was beyond the authority of the Jurisdiction making same, and that their authority could only prohibit a Mason of another Grand Lodge from communication and attendance at any of the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, as his offence was only against their rulings and was not an offence in his home Grand Lodge.

We note that the reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges have been omitted, as it was thought that they were not read by sufficient of the brethren to justify the cost. Whilst agreeing that the number of brethren making use of these reviews may be

small, we are of the opinion that eliminating them will tend in time to make any jurisdiction, provincial in its outlook, and gradually make the members of the jurisdiction local rather than universal, which is contrary to the claims and aims of our organization. The universal character of the institution being spread by the few brethren who read and diffuse the information that they gather from these reviews of what others are doing.

During the year three special communications were held for the laying of cornerstones, two of which were for Church buildings and the other for a Memorial Hospital.

Carlyle D. Williams—Grand Master.

Irving E. Clark—Grand Secretary.

—C.S.B.L.

DELAWARE, 1947-1948.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Paul Yearsley, Newport, Delaware.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Chester R. Jones, Wilmington.

Annual Communication, 1948 — October 6th, Masonic Temple, Wilmington.

Annual Communication, 1949 — October 5th, Masonic Temple, Wilmington.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on May 5th, 1948, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Elementary Wing of the Seaford Special School District, Seaford, Delaware. This ceremony was carried out in accordance with the customs and usages of the Craft; appropriate prayer being offered by the acting Grand Chaplain, and the Main oration being given by a Past Grand Master and former Superintendent of Schools for the State of Delaware.

At the One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, there were present, in addition to the Grand Lodge Officers, seventeen Past Grand Masters, nine Past Senior Grand Wardens, seven Past Junior Grand Wardens, fifty-five Grand Representatives. Of the 22 Lodges in existence, 20 were represented.

The Grand Master's duties have been many and varied. He has attended ten Grand Lodge Communications in neighbouring Jurisdictions; and in addition the 125th anniversary of Georgetown Lodge, and the 100th anniversary of New Castle Lodge. He has personally visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

That the Masons of this Jurisdiction are put to work "operatively" as well as "speculatively" is witnessed by the fact that the Grand Master attended the annual corn husking bee at Bonny Blink, in the neighbouring Jurisdiction of Maryland.

A most fitting culmination to the presentation of his program emphasizing "Masonic Church Day", "Masonic Home", "Blue Lodge Attendance", "Personalizing Masonry" and "Dissemination of Masonic Knowledge" was his presentation, during Masonic Week in Washing-

ton, D.C., to President Truman, a Past Grand Master of the State of Missouri.

Each of the reports contained in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are of great interest. Particular mention is made of the reports of the "Grand Instructor" and "Assistant Grand Instructor" respecting the Lodges of Instruction held "on Saturday evenings from October, 1947, to May, 1948", and from "December 10th to May 26th" at Wilmington and Georgetown respectively in the interest of improvement in ritualistic work. The time and effort contributed by these Brethren speaks volumes for their wholehearted interest in the welfare of the Craft. That the desired result has been obtained—and properly appreciated—is evidence by the complimentary references contained in the "Report of the Committee on Work".

Our Grand Representative, W. Bro. George T. Macklin, Bridgeville, was present.

Our Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Delaware—R. W. Bro. F. J. Hand, Calgary, Alberta.

Grand Lodge Officers elected: Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Carswell, 1506 W. 11th St., Wilmington 16, Delaware.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Chester R. Jones, 818 Market St., Wilmington 24.

Foreign Correspondent—M. W. Bro. W. Stewart Allmond Jr. (P.G.M.), Thompson's Station, Newark, Del. R. D.

R. F. LAWRENCE.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The first stated Communication of the Grand Lodge of Columbia, for 1947, was held at the Masonic Temple, 13th St. and New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C., on May 14, 1947.

The Grand Master, Bro. Marvin Farrington, presided. Nine P.G.M.'s and 30 Grand Representatives were present, as well as a goodly representation of members.

Much of the Grand Master's address dealt with the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. He pointed out the need for much work to be done at the home, but doubted the wisdom of doing it at the present time because of the high cost of labour and materials.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended no change to Section 13. They based their recommendation on the General Regulations of the Craft, adopted in 1721, where it is said "The Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by the Master and Wardens of all the regular particular lodges on record." This means that Past Masters have no individual vote in this jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.

A Special Communication was held on June 26, for the purpose of constituting Fort Dupont Lodge No. 52. Bro. Harry S. Bowman was installed as the first Master.

A second Special Communication was held on September 29, with M. W. Bro. Marvin Farrington presiding. A large attendance was present, among whom were nine P.G.M.'s. The Grand Master explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a report from the special committee, appointed by him, as to the sale, and disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the Temple Heights property. It was pointed out that originally the intention was to build a Temple there, costing \$2,000,000.00, but that the promised pledges had failed to materialize. Hence, the decision to sell. The Grand Lodge, by assessment, had put about \$473,000.00 in the fund. The Committee recommended that the \$915,000.00 received from the sale, be considered as Grand Lodge funds.

The 137th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge F.A.A.M. of the District of Columbia, was held at the Masonic Temple, New York Ave. N.W., Washington, on December 17, 1947.

M. W. Bro. Marvin Farrington presided over a good attendance, among whom were 12 P.G.M.'s.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Edgar E. Bageant, reported a very busy year, attendance excellent, and interest very evident.

The Grand Secretary reported a gain of 946 in membership, which now totals 23,411.

He reported that Degree Work in all Lodges had been heavy. Many requests for courtesy degrees continue to be received. A new Lodge was constituted during the year, the first since 1938.

In his address, the Grand Master referred to his year of office as the happiest he had ever spent in the interest of Masonry. He pointed out that his jurisdiction had paid to the George Washington Memorial Fund the sum of \$1,420.00, being \$1.00 for every newly-obligated Master Mason during 1947. During the year 11 Master Masons received the Fifty-year gold button.

The Grand Master stated that he had presented the Fidelity medal to Bro. John C. Proctor for having the longest period of Masonic membership.

In summing up, he said that when the year has elapsed, we speculate wistfully on where the time has gone, and how little we have actually accomplished, because we know that a Master Mason should not, and cannot be proud of his small achievements, when there is yet so much to do.

The St. John's Day Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was held at the Masonic Temple on December 27, 1947.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Marvin Farrington, presided. Eleven P.G.M.'s were present.

The Grand Master reported on his year's work, which received unstinted praise from the Committee on the Grand Master's address.

A testimonial was presented to the retiring Grand Master, by R. W. Bro. Dean Hill Stanley, on behalf of the officers of Grand Lodge.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following result::

Grand Master—Bro. Dean H. Stanley.

Grand Secretary—Bro. Aubrey H. Claxton.

FRED. PARKER.

INDIANA

The Grand Lodge F. & A. Masons of the State of Indiana, met in the Masonic Temple in Indianapolis, for the 126th meeting in the 131st year of its existence, on May 18-19, 1948, with the Grand Master, W. Henry Roberts, presiding.

There were 15 P.G.M.'s present, and 48 representatives of other jurisdictions, including the representative of Alberta, P.G.M. William H. Swintz. 516 Lodges were represented at the meeting.

After welcoming the many distinguished Brethren present, the Grand Master referred to the Brethren present for the first time, and expressed the hope that their interest would be enhanced by the deliberations about to commence.

He referred to the many Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge above, among whom were three Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge Rehabilitation Fund, contributed voluntarily, was in a flourishing condition, with most of the funds invested in U.S. Securities. The Indiana Masonic Home Report showed that over \$152,000.00 had been collected for much needed repairs and additions.

The Grand Master mentioned that he had received many requests and appeals to consider amending the General Regulations which at present bar the Youth Organizations from using the Lodge rooms. He said that he had appointed a committee to see what could be done, and now was prepared to recommend that, subject to certain conditions, the Regulations should be amended.

To his very great regret he had to announce that the Grand Secretary, Bro. William H. Swintz, had handed in his resignation. In his letter accepting same, he referred to the 27 years Bro. Swintz had laboured so diligently and conscientiously for Freemasonry.

M. W. Bro. Dwight L. Smith was later appointed to this very important office, and confirmed by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master referred to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and stated that \$1,000,000.00 more would be required to complete it. He recommended that every newly raised Brother, after June 1, 1948, be assessed \$1.00 and that a charge be made on the General Fund of \$1.00 for every Brother raised during the preceding year.

M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, P.G.M., of Massachusetts, in his thought-provoking address, said that Masonry must continue to be a vital thing or it will decay and perish. He stressed the need of meeting present-day conditions by realizing that we live in a changing world, that movements are afoot which we cannot ignore, that Lodge rooms may yet be thrown open for discussions on controversial subjects.

The Grand Treasurer reported the balances available in various funds as \$1,117,852.00, of which \$503,511.00 was in United States bonds.

The Grand Secretary stated that membership now stood at 155,714, a gain of 6,570 during the year. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the Grand Master for appointing him during the preceding year to be the Grand Secretary.

He paid a well-deserved tribute to the retiring Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. Swintz, for valued counsel and many acts of courtesy.

The Grand Lecturer reported on his work for the 25th time and stated that the Lodges generally are in the best condition he had ever found them.

The election of officers resulted in:

Grand Master—Carl L. Hebbard.

Grand Secretary—Dwight L. Smith.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis on the 3rd Tuesday of May, 1949.

FRED. PARKER.

MISSISSIPPI

The 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at Meridian on February 10 and 11, 1948. The Grand Master being absent, through illness of his son, it was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. P. W. Matthews.

There were thirteen Past Grand Masters present, and many representatives from outside jurisdictions. Eleven distinguished guests were introduced to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's Address was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

In it the Grand Master stated that he had found the year's work most pleasant, inspiring and enlightening. He had found an enthusiasm that was most refreshing and almost evangelical.

He referred to the fact that membership had reached an all-time high, and had gained nearly 10% over last year.

The Grand Master pleaded for tolerance, but pointed out that neither Christianity nor Masonry taught tolerance to the exclusion of good judgment.

Reference was made to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial being erected at Alexandria, Virginia, and the Grand Master reported that contributions from the members of his jurisdiction had almost doubled the amount given during any former year.

In conclusion he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all his officers who had so willingly and ably assisted him during his year of office, and especially so to the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sid Curtis, who kept him in the "straight and narrow."

Bro. Shearer, in his report as Fraternal Correspondent, referred to the fact that some Grand Lodges are worried over the fact that so many are being received into the order. He stated that in one jurisdiction four lodges had each raised over 170 candidates, and one of these had gone over the 200 mark. He also gave the information that there are about three million Masons in the United States.

Bro. Shearer summed up by saying we must walk in faith, practice morality, teach equality, and live harmoniously.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Sid Curtis, reported that the membership stood at 37,461, and of these ten had received Fifty-Year buttons during the year.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand of \$160,345.00 and \$502,744.00 in securities.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. J. R. Williams, P.G.M., reported that during the year Schools of Instruction had been held in each Congressional District with marked success.

He pointed out that attempts are being made to modernize our order. Freemasonry is definitely not a club, and its business must be carried on with dignity and decorum. Our Ancient Landmarks must be upheld.

Bro. Dr. Joseph Smith delivered what is described in the proceedings as a most inspiring and eloquent address. His theme was "What Is Masonry?" — and in answering his question he said that it is definitely religious, though not a religion. It comprehends the meanings and values of life, and taps the vital springs of faith, hope and love. It kindles aspiration for moral and spiritual excellence in the midst of our dull and drab lives, and gives us a divine sense of eternity in time. Its light is in the mind, and its greatest secrets are in the heart.

His eloquent address finished with "Masonry is Truth, Charity and Service — the Truth by which no man was ever injured, the Charity without which no dogma is worth holding, and the Doing of Good, which is the finest art known on earth.

The Grand Orator, Bro. L. C. Corban, in his address, referred to the challenge that is presented to the Masons of the world today and wondered what the historian then will say about the influence of Masons in solving the problems in the year 1948. He quoted a statement recently made by a Mason in California — "It is the duty of Masonry to assist in elevating the moral and intellectual level of

society, bringing ideas into circulation, causing the mind of youth to grow, and putting the human race in harmony with its destinies."

In summing up he said that the Mason should know his ritual with intelligence and practice it in his home, in his business, and in his community.

There were 75 Grand Representatives present, including the representative for Alberta, Bro. H. D. Corley.

There are 308 Lodges in this jurisdiction. At this communication 154 were represented by 278 brethren.

Grand Lodge Officers elected for 1948-49 were:

Bro. William D. Nea—Grand Master.

Bro. Sid F. Curtis—Grand Secretary.

FRED. PARKER.

FLORIDA, 1948

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Hal. W. Adams, Mayo, Florida.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Huff, 715 Masonic Temple, Jacksonville 2, Florida.

Chairman Correspondence Committee—R. W. Bro. Roy L. Martin, 1661 S.W. 22nd St., Miami, Florida.

Annual Communication 1948 — Jacksonville, April 20, 21 and 22.

Annual Communication 1949 — Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, Florida, on the Third Tuesday in April, 1949.

Representatives from three neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, together with a representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario were received with Grand Honors and seated in the East.

His Honor the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, together with representatives of four concordant Masonic Orders, were warmly welcomed by the Grand Master, and seated in the Grand Lodge. Representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star were also received. The Grand Matron briefly thanked the Grand Lodge for the courtesy extended; and the delegation retired.

This is the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication, and many of the members have a goodly number of years of membership as is witnessed by the fact that during his year of office, the Grand Master has signed seventeen Fifty Year Veterans' Certificates, and ninety-six Twenty-five Year Certificates. Many of the recipients of these Veterans' Certificates received them at the hands of the Grand Master himself during his official visits to the Lodges throughout the State.

During his year of office the Grand Master laid the foundation stones for two new Masonic Temples; dedicated one completed Temple; and officiated by request at the laying of the foundation stone of the new City Hall at West Palm Beach.

It is noteworthy that in the Grand Jurisdiction under review, no person engaged — either as an owner or an employee — in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is eligible to petition for the three degrees in Freemasonry, nor for reinstatement of affiliation. The institution of Masonry is held in such high regard that record is made of the fact that several petitioners, when advised of the above requirement, changed their occupations and were later admitted to membership.

The Committee on the Work is very active, holding Lodges of instruction throughout the State, in which great interest was shown, great benefit was derived by Lodge officers; all of which were well attended.

The Grand Master complimented his District Deputy Grand Masters on the fact that for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge, every Lodge had received a visit from the D.D.G.M., and expressed his thanks for this loyalty to duty. Two outstanding instances were mentioned. One D.D.G.M. had travelled 3,250 miles; another had made over one hundred visits to lodges in his district.

At the Masonic Home at St. Petersburg it is noted that the occupants are both busy and happy; and that the home is operated most efficiently and the financial standing is excellent.

R. F. LAWRENCE.

NEBRASKA, 1948

Ninety-first Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1948.

Officers elected for 1948-1949:

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Magee, 1201 O Street, Lincoln.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. Carl R. Greison, 401 Masonic Temple, Omaha.

Annual Communication 1949, June 7th, at Masonic Temple, Omaha.

The Grand Master's address indicates a very full year of Masonic duties ably discharged in attendance at Grand Lodge meetings in neighboring Grand Jurisdictions, and special functions of Craft Lodges, and other Orders dependent on Masonic membership as the basis of membership in their own.

The report on "Area Meetings" carries specific significance, particularly that portion referring to the evening meetings, which, "due to the superb generalship of R. W. Brother Elmer E. Magee, were adjourned promptly at 9:00. This gave the visiting brethren, some who came great distances, an opportunity to return to their homes at a reasonable hour."

The Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction have an enviable record in that there are ten veteran secretaries whose years of service range

from 25 to 43 years. The value to their respective Lodges of the Masonic knowledge garnered throughout the years by such men cannot be estimated.

The report of the Grand Custodian clearly indicates that every effort is being made to instil into Lodge Officers the necessity for providing "work" for Lodge members, and "proper instruction for their labors." The value of Schools of Instruction is clearly shown.

The report of the Committee on the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys, and the reference thereto in the Grand Master's Address, are interesting, and could be carefully studied to advantage by all interested Masons.

Alberta's Grand Representative to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska is W. Bro. Earl M. Bolen, Ulysees, Nebraska.

Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, W. Bro. F. Whitfield, Edmonton, Alberta.

R. F. LAWRENCE.

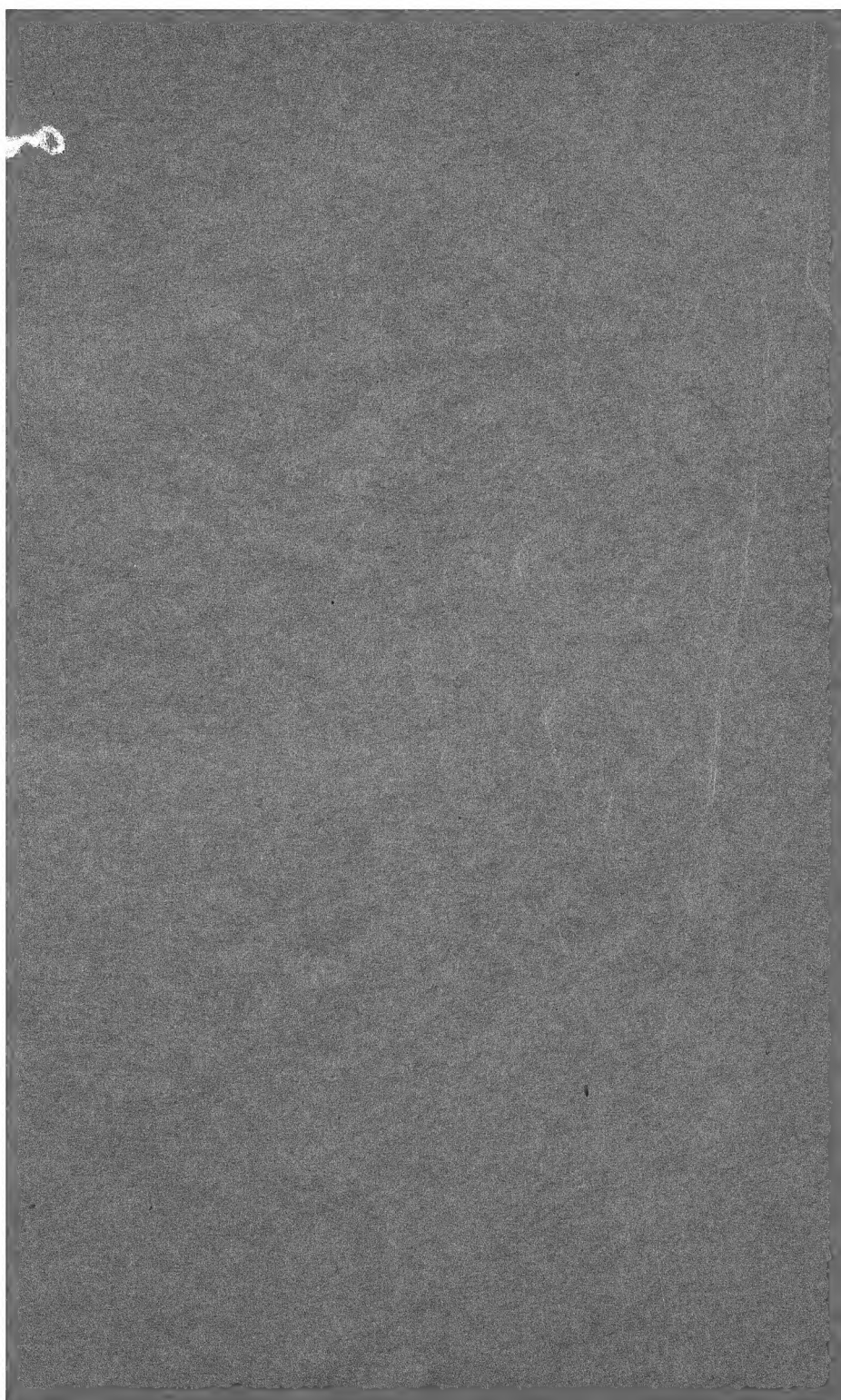


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**GRAND LODGE
OF ALBERTA
1949**



M.W. Grand Master:

HOWARD B. MACDONALD, Calgary, Alberta

R.W. Grand Secretary:

GEORGE MOORE, P.G.M., Calgary, Alberta



***The Forty-fifth Annual Communication of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. and A.M. will
be held in the City of Edmonton
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being the Fourteenth day
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